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## ERRATA

No. 1200 -- Should be "Jan. 20, 1835" instead of "Jan. 20, 1836."

Omissions of numbers have been due to the typist's failure to assign the numbers to any items and do not indicate any omission of calendar data. The following numbers were omitted; 2640, 3583, 4177, 4541, 8757, 9627, 10,620, 11,745, 12,013, 12,408, 13,142, 13,835, 13,836, 14,575, 14,576, 14,848, 15,300, 15,660, and 16,069-16,170.

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## THE PAPERS OF THE AMERICAN FUR COMPANY: A BRIEF ESTIMATE OF THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

It is very fortunate for those who would study the decade 1835-1845 in the history of the United States that practically all the correspondence and books of the largest American business firm of the period have been preserved and are accessible.<sup>1</sup> In the economic and political life of the United States during these years the American Fur Company was a factor that has not been accorded its due prominence. Its agents were stationed from Canton to Leipzig and included some of the foremost business men of the day; its chief interest was furs, skins, and buffalo robes, which it secured from Indians and whites by means of factors throughout the length and breadth of the present territory of the United States; its secondary interests were the manufactures that it purchased in Europe and America to barter for these peltries; and its minor activities included the fisheries of Lake Superior, the maple-sugar industry, the lead trade, the sale of flour, and steamboating on the Western waters and along the American seaboard. For practically every phase of American life during the decade these papers hold items of interest: commerce, banking, domestic markets, politics, domestic manufactures, transportation, religious conditions, education, settlement of the West, land speculation, Indian policy, travel and travelers, the panic of 1837, foreign relations, and very many others. The close connection existing between this company and some of the outstanding business men of Europe also makes these papers unplumbed sources of information on the economic and social con-

<sup>1</sup> The American Fur Company's papers are now in the possession of the New York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, New York City. Regarding their history Mr. Alexander J. Wall, the librarian of the society, wrote on Oct. 21, 1924, to the Minnesota Historical Society: "The history of these Papers is very brief. Mr. John D. Clute, of New York City, a member of this Society 1854-1879, who died November 9, 1879, in his eighty-sixth year, was for many years a Trustee of the American Fur Company. On February 16, 1863, the Society purchased from him the collection of American Fur Company Papers, consisting of eight chests. The amount paid was eighty dollars. These Papers remained in these chests in the Society's old building on Second Avenue and Eleventh Street for many years without a single inquiry ever being made for their use. When we moved into this building they still remained unpacked until we built the steel and glass cases on the Library floor which now house our manuscript collection. They were then placed in these cases and your Institution is making the second examination which these Papers have ever had."

ditions of Europe. In other words, one could hardly get from any single group of papers a more accurate cross-section of American life for the decade 1835-1845 than these papers afford.

The period covered by the papers may be said to be the years from 1834 to 1847, though certain records antedate and some follow that period. They may be classified roughly as follows: original letters received from factors, foreign and domestic agents, rivals, politicians, and many others; copies of letters sent by the company; records of orders for goods to be shipped to factors in the fur country and lists of furs received from the Indians in exchange for these goods; and records of sundry other transactions consequent on the bartering of goods for furs. The letters sent and received alone number over sixteen thousand. Their chief topic is, of course, the fur trade, but quite apart from the information they afford on this topic, they are records of the business, social, and political life of hundreds of localities as widely separated as Smyrna and Sault Ste. Marie. The books of the company give the figures and mathematical calculations mentioned in the letters. They afford the details, telling exactly how many furs were shipped, of what varieties, by whom, at what cost, and how and to whom sold. Certain files of volumes relate wholly to the receipt of furs; others to shipment and sales of furs; one series is entitled "Orders Inward" and gives the lists of goods ordered from European and American firms; another is called "Orders Outward" and lists the furs, with their values, which were shipped to England and other markets. It is from these volumes that the historian of the fur trade in the United States will get the greater part of his statistical data. Bills of lading, accounts current, old drafts, inventories of stock, lists of employees, contracts, deeds, and other loose papers have also been preserved in embarrassing richness.

The need for such a collection of documents, showing in their entirety all the methods of getting and marketing furs and skins, has been felt for many years. The only other group that has been preserved in anything like its original form, the papers of the Hudson's Bay Company, is not open to students, and, even if they were accessible, they could hardly be called typical of the papers of American fur companies. As far as is known, the papers of the North-West Company, the other big fur company in North America, were either joined with those of the Hudson's Bay Company when the merger of the two concerns was effected in 1821, or have been lost. Only a few items are available. (A)

The American Fur Company was organized by John Jacob Astor in 1808 and was closely affiliated with one of the Montreal fur companies. Despite the Treaty of Paris, British traders still controlled a large part of the fur-yielding area of northwestern United States at the close of the War of 1812. In 1816 Astor secured control of the fur trade in the United States by engineering the passage by Congress of an act restricting to Americans the issuance of fur-traders' licenses. From that time until 1834 his was the great fur company in the United States.

For the period prior to 1834 only scattering business papers of this firm have been preserved, since the great New York fire of 1835 destroyed a large body of them.<sup>2</sup> In the old hotel at Mackinac may still be seen three of the letter-books kept by Ramsay Crooks and Robert Stuart, factors of the company at Mackinac, from 1816 to 1828; in the Canadian Archives at Ottawa are six ledgers of the Northern Département of the company for the years 1817-1835; in the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library is a body of papers of the company, apparently those of its agent at Mackinac, covering the years 1816 to 1834; in the Chicago Historical Society collection are the papers of John Lawe, agent at Green Bay; in the Missouri Historical Society collection are the papers of a number of agents and associates of Astor's company, especially the Prattes, Chouteaus, Menards, McKenzies, and so forth; in the collections of the historical societies of Wisconsin and Minnesota are the papers of Alexis Bailly, the agent at the mouth of the St. Peter's, now the Minnesota, River; and in these collections and those of other Western historical agencies may be found the personal papers of several agents of the company, which usually include more or less of business data.

Therefore, since only these oddly assorted and widely separated records of the American Fur Company in its first phase have been preserved, the main source of documentary data on the fur trade of the United States is seen to be the papers of the American Fur Company for the years 1834-1847, which fortunately have been preserved almost in their entirety. Moreover, as fur-trade methods varied but little from 1760 to 1840, one can get from papers as late as these a very correct view of methods in vogue at a much earlier period.

John Jacob Astor and his son withdrew from the American Fur Company in 1834. It was reorganized immediately under its old name as a corporation under the laws of New York, after a

\* This information was obtained from members of the Astor family.

proposal for incorporation in Michigan had been considered and rejected because of the fear that a tax would be levied there on its capital stock. Ramsay Crooks, a survivor of the Astorians and long Astor's right-hand man in the fur trade, was elected president. Eight stockholders are mentioned in the first dividend statement. Offices and warehouses were maintained in the Vesey and Pearl streets neighborhood, the centre of commercial New York; and outfit and department headquarters were located at Prairie du Chien (Western Outfit), Mackinac (Northern Department), Lapointe (Northern Outfit), Sault Ste. Marie (St. Mary's Outfit), and Detroit (Detroit Department). Other stations and substations dotted the wilderness from Detroit to Devil's Lake, the most notable being those at Grand River, Fond du Lac (modern Duluth), Chicago, Sandy Lake, Green Bay, Milwaukee, and the mouth of the Minnesota River. All business was carried on by means of the outfits and departments. Goods were bought in Europe and America for each unit and debited to it on the company's books. Opposite these entries were placed the credit items of the number of packs of furs and robes shipped by the unit to the New York office. The trade for the region west of the Mississippi was mainly in the hands of Pratte, Chouteau, and Company (after 1838 Pierre Chouteau, jr., and Company) of St. Louis. As Bernard Pratte was Crooks's father-in-law, a family tie united the two companies. The American Fur Company marketed the furs and robes of the St. Louis firm and purchased its articles for the Indian trade. Since the factors of Pratte, Chouteau, and Company were found scattered from the Canadian border to Texas and beyond the Rocky Mountains, and since the American Fur Company controlled the area east of the Mississippi, the scope of the American Fur Company may be said to have covered the entire fur-producing area of the United States.

That the fur trade was a profitable business the papers of the company leave no room to doubt. As late as 1840 William Brewster, a stockholder and agent of the company at Detroit, collected three hundred thousand dollars' worth of furs and skins in his warehouses in one season. Apparently, too, they were drawn only from southern Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. From the letter that tells of this collection one can get an idea of the profit of the business.<sup>3</sup> Of the three hundred thousand dollars to be derived from the sale of these furs, Brewster wrote that he expected to clear seventy-five thousand. In the same year the company planned to declare a dividend of twenty-five per cent., and presumably it did so.

<sup>3</sup> Brewster to Crooks, May 6, 1840.

In 1836 its dividend was ten per cent. and in 1837 it was fifteen per cent. Thus the American Fur Company was doing a thriving business in the late 'thirties.

From another angle, that of the degree of competition that the company encountered, one arrives at the same conclusion regarding the prosperity of the fur trade. During the period from 1838 to 1842 the whole Ohio valley was a scene of cutthroat competition. The latter epithet is ordinarily reserved for describing business methods that characterized the opening of the era of "big business". It is used advisedly, however, in referring to the tactics of the American Fur Company and its rivals, for one of the conclusions to be derived from reading the correspondence and studying the books of the company is that here was an instance of big business half a century before its time.

During the period above mentioned the company's chief rivals were W. G. and G. W. Ewing, a fur house of Fort Wayne; a German concern represented by a man named Hotte; and a certain Oppenheim, apparently the representative of another German house. The agents of the first concern all but came to blows with Crooks's representatives at Dayton, Perrysburg, Vincennes, Peru, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Logansport, South Bend, and other places in the Ohio valley. The grim determination of each side to win the struggle may be sensed from George Hunt's letter of May 27, 1839, in which he wrote that the Ewings had eleven buyers out against him in the vicinity of Madison, Indiana. Brewster's zest for the "war of extermination", as Crooks characterized this struggle with the Ewings, was contagious—so much so that Crooks had to put a damper on the ardor of his representatives, admonishing Brewster that no questionable policy should be pursued by the company's agents. Nevertheless, Brewster in one of his letters could not refrain from gloating over his success in securing a collection of furs for which Hotte had made a contract.<sup>4</sup> He also wrote that he represented to certain fur collectors in Ohio that the company would ruin them if they did not make a permanent arrangement with it. "Buy everything you can lay your hands on without fear, except beaver and muskrats", was Crooks's own advice in the spring of 1838; and in August he wrote to his London correspondent and agent, Curtis M. Lampson, that he did not expect a certain shipment of deerskins to bring more than cost, as they were purchased merely to prevent Hotte from getting them. The explanation for this reckless purchasing of furs and skins was the realization by Crooks that the

<sup>4</sup> May 19, 1838.



American Fur Company must control the fur market of the United States if Lampson was to control the Continental sale for it. In other words, the company aimed to become a monopoly.

Relations of traders and Indians to the company's chief rival in the sale of furs, the Hudson's Bay Company, are disclosed again and again in its correspondence. Most cordial interchanges of courtesies were made, especially between Crooks and Sir George Simpson, the governor of the English company, and between the factors of the two companies at the Sault. Part of this good-will was due to an agreement between the two companies that the English firm should control the fur trade in a region north of Lake Superior corresponding roughly with the modern Cook County, Minnesota, in return for the annual payment of three hundred pounds sterling. Thus competition was avoided. On the other hand the American Fur Company's agent in London, Curtis M. Lampson, was a bitter rival of the Hudson's Bay Company in the actual fur market and made regular reports to Crooks of the furs received by that concern from Canada and, especially, from the region about the Columbia River. Nor was Lampson slow to announce his joy when the Columbia River ship failed to arrive in London. Those who are interested in determining the cause for the English government's ready relinquishment of the Oregon country in 1846 would do well to study the figures of fur returns from that region from 1834 to 1846 as given in the American Fur Company's papers. Other aspects of relations between the two companies are touched upon in the correspondence between Lampson and Crooks. Thus in 1838, when the Canadian rebellion was at its height, Crooks wrote in reply to a letter from Lampson inquiring about the effect of a possible separation of Canada from Great Britain: "The troubles in Canada may *in time* produce a separation from the mother country, and in that case no doubt the new Governments first step would be to destroy the influence of the Bay Company, and their expulsion would follow as a matter of course, and the trade be thrown open to private competition among the Citizens of the new Power."

In the story of the fur trade as told in these papers there is no more interesting portion than the influence of fashions on the wayward whims and vagaries of commerce both domestic and foreign. Reading the letters of Crooks and his correspondents day by day, one is impressed with the vast amount of difference which the change from beaver to silk hats, for example, made to thousands of persons. Apparently about 1830 Dame Fashion decreed that silk should be

the *non plus ultra* in materials for hats. This was a blow to dealers in beaver and muskrat furs, which hitherto had been the most necessary articles in the hatter's business. About the same period nutria, especially that from South America, became more fashionable than muskrat fur. Thus two of the American Fur Company's chief articles of trade, the muskrat skins from the upper waters of the Mississippi and the beaver from the Rocky Mountains and New Mexico, became of very much less value than formerly. A letter from Crooks in August, 1836, definitely stated that the home consumption of beaver was greatly diminished in consequence of the almost universal use of silk hats.

An unsuspected blow to the company's beaver-sales came in 1842 when the old beaver headdress worn in the British army was replaced by a new kind of cap. In 1838 the product of another region, the deerskins from Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, of which great numbers were shipped yearly to Lampson for sale at the Leipzig fairs, was threatened by the substitution of Cape goatskins by German dressers. In the late 'thirties bear fur became a very popular trimming and prices rose accordingly. Raccoons were also in great demand in the late 'thirties and early 'forties. The source of the supply for this demand is shown in a letter of May 19, 1838, in which Brewster reported that by June 10 he would have shipped twenty thousand raccoon skins from Detroit. These skins were obtained mainly in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

Crooks's firm depended largely for its profits upon the prices which furs brought in the Leipzig fairs. The great fur markets of the world were the annual Easter and Michaelmas fairs at Leipzig, at which were sold, among others, the peltries of the American and Canadian forests that had reached the Continent by way of the English fur dealers. Every fur buyer in America watched for the results of these sales as eagerly as business men to-day read of the activities of the New York stock exchange. The correspondence of foreign representatives of the American Fur Company from 1834 to 1847 affords a history of prices and conditions in each Leipzig fair during that period.

The fact that the chief markets for American furs and skins were in foreign lands should be stressed. If there is one conviction, deeper than any other, to be gained from reading the papers of the American Fur Company, it is that the history of the fur trade should be studied against the background of world conditions. The period of these papers witnessed a great upheaval in fur-marketing conditions; and the letters of Crooks and his foreign correspondents are

among the best reports of the changes that were occurring. American furs had always found their way to the Leipzig fairs through the English auctions, chiefly those of C. M. Lampson. Soon after 1835, apparently, German firms began to make attempts to purchase and ship American furs direct to Leipzig. The bitter fight with which Lampson and Crooks countered these attacks on their monopoly schemes has already been mentioned. One of the best brief histories of the fur trade seen in its general world outlines, *Der Rauchwaaren-Handel*, by Heinrich Lomer, makes special mention of the beginning of the direct trade between Germany and the United States:

Die Pelz-Compagnien oder die grösseren Handlungshäuser senden die amerikanische Waare entweder nach London, nach Leipzig oder auch nach New-York, von welchem letzteren Platze sie, in andere Hände übergegangen, auch entweder an Commissionshäuser und Makler nach London, oder nach Leipzig an Rauchwaarenhandlungen versandt wird. Von den Londoner Maklern werden die Waaren mehr oder weniger gut sortirt und in zwei oder dreimal jährlich wiederkehrenden grossen Auctionen, gewöhnlich im Anschlusse an die Auction der Hudsonsbay-Compagnie, verkauft. Eines der grossen Londoner Commissionshäuser, welches seit 32 Jahren den grössten Theil der Waaren empfangen hat, ist das von C. M. Lampson, eines viel Organisationsgeist besitzenden und energischen Mannes.

Derselbe pflegt das Quantum in mehrere Auctionen einzutheilen, und oftmals selbst, wenn er eine Ueberfüllung des Marktes fürchtet, Waaren jahrelang aufzusparen. Wird nun durch das lange Lagern die Waare einestheils unscheinbar, und müssen andererseits die Eigenthümer lange Zeit auf vollständige Abrechnung warten, und ist es unmöglich, dass ein Londoner Haus, welches für Export-Waaren kaum 30 Käufer hat, den Markt so beurtheilen kann, wie ein Leipziger Haus, welches deren fünfhundert besitzt, so ist es auch hauptsächlich vielen Amerikanern klar geworden, dass durch die Kosten des Londoner Zwischenhandels, welche mehr denn 10 Procent betragen, die Waare um ebensoviel theurer wird. Dieses und die Sorgfalt der Leipziger Handlungshäuser haben, zum grossen Theil erst in den letzten Jahren, dem Waarenzug eine directe Richtung gegeben. In Leipzig wird die Waare nach Platzusanzien verkauft.<sup>6</sup>

Lomer's description of the fairs is also worth quoting in part:

Zum Einkaufe sowohl, wie zum Verkaufe versammeln sich auf unserer Messe die vornehmsten Kaufleute, Rauchwaarenhändler und Kürschner aus allen Ländern: Nordamerikaner, Engländer, Franzosen, Italiener, Schweizer, Holländer, Schweden, Dänen, Tartaren, Russen, Griechen, Polen, Wallachen, Ungarn und endlich Deutsche aus allen namhaften Städten. Wenn wir die Zahl von 2500 fremden Rauchwaarenhändlern annehmen, so glauben wir nicht zu hoch zu greifen.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup> *Der Rauchwaaren-Handel* (Leipzig, 1864), pp. 24-26.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 44.

He then lists the furs bought by representatives of the different nations there gathered, paying particular attention to the Greek buyers with their imposing clothes and red fezzes, who, incidentally, cut quite a figure also in Lampson's reports to Crooks on the Leipzig fairs. Lomer then continues:

Die russischen und sibirischen Waaren, die in England und Amerika gebraucht werden, gehen zum grössten Theile durch die Hände der Leipziger Kaufleute. Die Waaren der Verein. Staaten Nord-Amerikas und Canadas, die früher nur vermittelt der Londoner Auctionen hierhergekommen sind, kommen seit den letzten Jahren direct zu unserm Markt, aus welchem Allen hervorleuchtet, dass der Rauchwaarenhandel Leipzigs an Bedeutung zugenommen hat.<sup>8</sup>

Curtis Miranda Lampson, of whom mention has been made, was an Englishman by adoption but a Vermonter by birth. Like Joshua Bates and several other Americans he became the European agent for leading American commercial firms. His correspondence with Crooks is voluminous, for he made a practice of writing by every packet to New York. In it is mirrored the commercial life of England and her merchants—which means of course the commercial life of the world, for Englishmen were still the bankers and merchants of the industrial world.

The relations between Lampson and the American Fur Company are not wholly clear. As far as the papers of that company throw any light on the subject, Crooks seems to have believed that Lampson attended to the interests of only one American firm, his own. On the other hand, the papers of the Ewing brothers indicate that Lampson, during the same period, was marketing their furs.<sup>9</sup> At all events, whether or not the American Fur Company was aware of Lampson's dual interest, Lampson urged upon Crooks the monopoly of the American fur market—and Crooks responded in the manner already described. Lampson's own objective was to prevent a direct trade from developing between America and Leipzig; or, to state it positively, to control the sales of furs from America.

Closely connected with the letters which disclose the methods, prices, and profits of the fur trade are those revealing the company's relations with the Indians. These were so close that no one should attempt to describe any phase of Indian policy in these years among the tribes about the Great Lakes and upper reaches of the Mississippi without consulting the papers of the company. By their aid one is led behind the scenes to behold characters who never appeared on

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.* p. 45.

<sup>9</sup> The papers of W. G. and G. W. Ewing are in the possession of the Indiana State Library, Indianapolis. A calendar of them is being made.

the open stage, but who nevertheless helped to produce the nation's Indian policy. Ramsay Crooks was of course one of them; Charles Gratiot was another; Henry R. Schoolcraft and George Henry Jones were also anxious to please the American Fur Company. When the matter of Indian treaties, of payments, or of contracts for government goods was to the fore, correspondence between these men was almost certain to contain more details than were given to the public. An especially interesting situation developed in the Senate in 1842-1843, when Robert Stuart attempted to secure the confirmation of an Indian treaty very favorable to the American Fur Company. On January 5, 1843, Senator William Woodbridge wrote to Crooks that the treaty concluded by Stuart was in danger; that Chouteau's presence might be of decided benefit; that Senator Benton appeared violently opposed to the treaty; that the treaty was doomed if opposition should assume a party character; that the objections offered to the treaty were: (1) the country was not yet wanted, (2) the terms were too favorable to the interests of the American Fur Company, (3) the clause providing for the continuance of the United States laws (*i.e.*, prohibiting the introduction of ardent spirits, etc.) was contrary to states' rights, (4) if the secret working of the human heart could be looked into, one of the objections would be seen to rest upon the fact that this treaty was made by Robert Stuart, who was a friend of James Doty, and James Doty was the object of most vindictive hostility, (5) Stuart was once connected with the American Fur Company and was now friendly to it. Woodbridge remarked at the close that although he had not violated any rule of the Senate in writing this letter, considerations of propriety led him to request that it be burned. His next letter, of January 19, was more hopeful regarding the treaty: he had taken advantage of the intimate relations between Colonel Benton and Governor Cass to obtain intercession for the treaty and Cass had stated that there would be no further objections from Benton.

On May 21, 1835, Crooks wrote to John Lawe at Green Bay that the annuities were to be paid early in September and advised that Lawe should be prepared to secure a large share of the money, since it was more "certain" than the fur trade. Another evidence that the company did not depend for its entire profits upon the exchange of furs for goods was its eagerness to have one of its agents appointed sutler at Fort Snelling on the upper Mississippi. A letter of June 6, 1835, from Colonel Samuel C. Stambaugh to Crooks explains one source of this sutler's income: four companies were to be stationed at the fort and to each soldier the sutler was permitted

to sell daily two gills of wine and as much ale and porter as desired. Fort Snelling, he added, was considered the best army post for a sutler.

The manner in which Indian treaties benefited the company appears in Crooks's letter to Samuel Abbott, agent at Mackinac, June 23, 1838. The treaties have been ratified, he writes, and this action will supply funds for the company's western and northern outfits. On September 30, 1839, Crooks wrote from the West that the government had paid the Chippewa Indians and half-breeds, and that of the \$103,500 thus paid he now had \$59,000 with him. Of course the method of getting such sums from the government was to present claims against the Indians for goods never paid for by them in furs and skins as promised when credits were granted them.

Not all the American Fur Company's influence, however, was baneful to the Indians. Its letters show that above all else the company desired peace among the different tribes; and doubtless the frontier settlers had often to thank the company for the fact that they were left unmolested by the Indians. Moreover the company was in favor of prohibiting the sale of liquor to the Indians and of maintaining missions and schools among them. An amusing "subsidiary industry" maintained by the company was its sale of French wines in New York to support Father Frederick Baraga's little Catholic mission at Lapointe on the southern shore of Lake Superior. De Massiac and De Loisson, wine merchants of Pierry near Épernay, France, impressed by Baraga's devotion and high purpose to convert the Ojibways, apparently offered to give to the mission the proceeds from the sales of such wines as Crooks should receive for the purpose from them and should sell in New York. The correspondence relating to the shipment and arrival of wines, the sales, and the amount of proceeds, is quite extensive. Crooks apparently attended to the sales gratuitously. Such a service was quite in keeping with his character. He and his wife found time in their busy lives to attend to the education of numerous little half-breeds from the fur country, to search New York stores for music for traders in the wilds of Michigan and the region west of Lake Superior, to pick out and send worsteds for the embroidery of the traders' daughters, and to buy long lists of books for missionaries and traders. Hence it would not be strange if Crooks donated his services in raising money for the little Catholic chapel on Madeline Island, curious as this method of financing the salvation of souls may appear to the modern mind. To Baraga's credit it must be added that his temperance scruples displayed themselves several

times in protest against this manner of obtaining funds, but apparently without effect.

A topic closely related to that of Indian relations, regarding which Crooks carried on an extensive correspondence, was that of the making and marketing of woolen blankets. Probably few persons realize the significance of the blanket in the history of Indian relations.<sup>(9)</sup> It was of the first importance because of the universal need of it among all tribes of Indians. Consequently great numbers were sent yearly beyond the frontier in the United States and to every nook and corner of western Canada. The keenest sort of competition existed among French, Belgian, and British merchants for this lucrative portion of the American Fur Company's trade, now one and now another getting the upper hand. Finally, in the 'thirties, the infant mills at Lowell and at Buffalo appeared in the struggle and the British merchants saw in them successful rivals. For the purpose of learning the secret of their competitors' success in selling blankets to the American Fur Company, both the British and the American blanket-makers secured samples of their rivals' wares—sometimes openly, sometimes surreptitiously—and the whole correspondence on this phase of the company's trade shows how fearful were the British merchants of losing such an immense part of their business.

Land speculation and the settlement of the frontier are topics in many letters. Solomon Juneau at Milwaukee reports in an especially enlightening way on the latter subject. The region about his trading post was receiving its first deluge of settlers in the latter half of the 'thirties, and Juneau's correspondence affords an excellent opportunity for watching the growing disparity between the interests of trader and farmer. Even some references to the pineries and the lumbering industry in Maine, Michigan, and Wisconsin are to be noted. In general it may be said that in these papers one can study in unusual detail the frontier as it existed east of the Mississippi between 1835 and 1850.

For a phase of economic history which needs further intensive study, the development of a home market for the produce of the Ohio Valley, these papers of the American Fur Company are worthy of attention. Practically all the butter, pork, cheese, flour, and corn that supplied hundreds of the company's factors about the Great Lakes and as far west as the upper branches of the Missouri were secured in Ohio, western New York, and Pennsylvania. Cleveland and Buffalo were the chief shipping points. William Brewster of Detroit had charge of the purchasing of these products each year,

and his letters to Crooks frequently quote prices and give the agricultural prospects of the farmers in these regions. Thus in 1840 and 1841, when the company was endeavoring to sell lake fish, Brewster's letters and those of his assistants describe the poverty of "our Hoosiers", who had no market for their bacon and pork and who consequently had very little ready money with which to vary their diet by means of fish. A little earlier Crooks had written thus:

So long as Pork and Beef commanded such high prices as they have for years past, the state of Ohio alone consumed nearly all the Fish that the whole of the upper Lakes produced; but the reduction in the value of flesh enables people to obtain it now at about the same rate as fish—and to be, and being prepared where it costs no more, less fish will be required for the country of the Lakes and the Ohio, and like all other articles that are more than equal to the demand, our Fish must fall in price unless we can rid ourselves of the surplus. It is therefore of vast importance to the success of the business under your management that we find so large a new opening as will take off all that Ohio cannot, or will not consume.<sup>10</sup>

References in the company's papers to the subsidiary industries in which it was interested are many. Thus the fisheries of Lake Superior, flour speculations, the maple-sugar trade, the copper trade of Lake Superior, the cranberry trade of the upper Mississippi, the lead trade of the Mississippi, and sales of sand for glass-making all receive attention. Many of these industries were relatively minor interests of the company, but the fisheries seemed at one time to be on the point of becoming a large and profitable business.<sup>11</sup> The correspondence with the Chouteau firms contains most of the data regarding the lead trade, and that with a Boston firm, the New England Glass Company, tells of the sales of sand for glass-making. With the rush of miners to the copper mines of Lake Superior in 1845, the references to the various companies, prices of ore, methods of shipment, and other phases of the copper industry become numerous.

Comments on current events and politics are scattered throughout the letters. On January 2, 1836, Crooks wrote that if President Jackson was determined on securing Indian lands in Michigan for the United States, "Means will be found to induce the Indians to sell". On the thirtieth of the same month Henry R. Schoolcraft

<sup>10</sup> Crooks to Borup, Dec. 31, 1839.

<sup>11</sup> As the author has considered in some detail in another article the history of the Lake Superior fisheries, no further account of them will be given here. See Nute, "The American Fur Company's Fishing Enterprises on Lake Superior", in the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, XII. 483-503.



reported to Crooks on the excitement occasioned by the chartering of the United States Bank by the legislature of Pennsylvania. Most of the correspondence with Lampson gives comments on the political or economic news of the country. Thus on April 5, 1838, Crooks wrote that the Whigs had won the election in Connecticut and that a Whig victory might "open Van Buren's eyes"; otherwise his "destructive course" would end in prostration for everybody. References to Locofocos are numerous, especially to the New York species, but even from far away Sault Ste. Marie came John Livingston's complaint of May 5, 1841, that the present postmaster was a Locofoco and generally disliked and that at the election held on November 1, 1840, he used "all and every illegal way" to secure his election—and succeeded therein.

Political wirepulling by the company was not unknown; on April 13, 1839, Crooks in a letter to Hercules L. Dousman described how efforts were being made to enlist the support of the Pennsylvania legislature in securing favorable action by Congress on Paquette's Indian claim. It is expedient, Crooks writes, to propitiate Pennsylvania, upon which Van Buren mainly relies for re-election. That the company secured any political advantages from Webster's indebtedness to it is unlikely, but correspondence with and about him shows the awkward reluctance with which it pressed its claims on him. From William A. Bradley's letter of March 19, 1839, it is plain that Webster, some years before, had given a note for \$10,000 to the company—which, a member of Pratte, Chouteau, and Company remarked, might be recovered "with time and very much patience." In 1840, however, the stock of patience seems to have run low, for plans were afoot for forcing a settlement. What the outcome was does not appear in the papers of the American Fur Company nor in the published letters of Webster; but, knowing that statesman's reputation for impecuniousness, one is inclined to doubt that the issue was satisfactory to the holder of the note.

From politics one turns to the educational facilities of the country and finds valuable information concerning secondary schools. The paternalism so characteristic of this great monopoly cared for little Virginia Rolette's education at a convent school in Georgetown in the District of Columbia and for her brother's at Fredericksburg; for Jane Holiday's at Miss Grant's school at Ipswich, Massachusetts; for John S. Garland's at College Point, New York; and for William Whipple Warren's and his brother's at Oneida Institute in the state of New York. These names represent only a few of the half-breed families of the frontier whose children were educated

largely because Ramsay Crooks took the responsibility for paying tuition as it came due, for arranging for personal escorts for the children to and from the schools, and even for solacing more than one homesick boy or girl. Private schools throughout the country, realizing the company's influence in securing patronage for them, often sent printed circulars describing the courses, expenses, and general conditions of their respective institutions. An example is a circular from St. Mary's Seminary, Perry County, Missouri, inclosed in a letter of March 18, 1838, which affords much information about the school.

A very large proportion of the letters received by the company affords data on transportation facilities. Nearly every domestic letter indicated the route by which the letter itself, or furs, or Indian goods would be forwarded. Hence anyone interested in the general details of transportation for these years can find in these letters an immense quantity of facts. Special phases of transportation, however, receive more than this kind of incidental mention. Thus the relative cost and preferability of the several routes over which goods might be sent from New York and other eastern points to St. Louis receive a good deal of attention. Much of the correspondence relating to this subject was carried on with Francis Ronaud of Pittsburgh, who served as forwarding agent for the powder ordered from Du Pont de Nemours and Company of Brandywine, and the firearms and other merchandise secured in Lancaster, Philadelphia, and other places in Pennsylvania. Correspondence with him gives the rates charged by wagoners on freight to Pittsburgh; the corresponding rates on the Pennsylvania canal during the months when it was open; the time required to ship goods from Pittsburgh both east and west; and the method, cost, and time required for shipping by keel boat from Pittsburgh to St. Louis.

Correspondence with Merle and Company of New Orleans, who served as the American Fur Company's agents at that point, and with Pratte, Chouteau, and Company of St. Louis gives data respecting transportation on the Mississippi River as compared with that of the Ohio River route. The latter stream was preferred for the shipment of furs from St. Louis—except sometimes in the winter months—because of the deterioration in quality which the hot weather of the South was likely to cause in the furs; and because thereby the New Orleans quarantine, annoying in its delays, was avoided. Likewise, letters to and from William Brewster, the agent at Detroit, and Gabriel Franchere, the agent for selling fish

along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, give some facts about rates and schedules on the Ohio canal.

As for transportation on the Great Lakes—in nearly every letter to and from agents in that region one can find references to sailing vessels or steamers.<sup>(9)</sup> One of the most interesting phases of this subject is the construction of vessels for the Lake Superior trade. The company was the first to maintain a transportation line on that lake, though there had been earlier instances of vessels in its waters, notably those of the North-West Company, of the Hudson's Bay Company, and of the British Admiralty. Before 1842 the American Fur Company had at least two schooners and two smaller vessels on the lake and also maintained a brig on the lower lakes. At first the vessels on Lake Superior were not common carriers, but in 1844 they began to be used for carrying passengers and freight. The Erie Canal traffic as well as shipping facilities and forwarding houses between New York and Albany are discussed again and again in the company's correspondence.

With the letters pertaining to transportation might well be mentioned those bearing on insurance of various kinds. Marine insurance was obtained by the American Fur Company on goods shipped from New York to England and New Orleans by sea, and on the merchandise sent inland by way of the Great Lakes and the Mississippi, Ohio, and Missouri rivers. Rates and methods were discussed in many letters. A number of bad accidents occurred which afford the student an opportunity of discovering whether the insurance companies covered losses promptly and satisfactorily. Fire insurance was also secured on the buildings and stock of all the important inland posts, like those at Detroit, the Sault, and Prairie du Chien; and on the storehouses and buildings in New York. The great New York fire of December, 1835, was the occasion for much correspondence concerning insurance. Immediately thereafter Crooks wrote to Joseph Blain of Philadelphia asking for \$40,000 insurance. Blain replied that for the present insurance boards would not accept any risks on New York accounts at any premium. This reply led Crooks to write, on December 21, to George Wildes and Company of London stating that American insurance companies were ruined and that the company's property was now unprotected and asking advice about getting insurance in London. On December 24 the Traders' Insurance Company of New York sent out a circular recalling all policies in order to be able to settle with sufferers from the recent fire. These and other letters indicate not only the kind of material that may be found on

fire insurance but also how local conditions and events are often described quite incidentally in business papers.

Like the correspondence relating to transportation, that dealing with banking conditions is voluminous. As much of the business of the company was transacted in the region where wildcat banks were most flourishing, the information on such institutions is of great value. Particularly for the panic of 1837 and the "hard times" of 1839 are the data instructive and interesting. On June 3, 1837, Rix Robinson, a trader on Grand River, Michigan, wrote to Crooks, "Panic pervades even the wilderness". The international aspect of the crisis also appears: in a letter of May 30, Gott and Sons, the company's agents in Leeds, wrote that commercial relations between the United States and Great Britain were so embarrassed as to cause alarm. The correspondence of C. M. Lampson of London gives useful information, otherwise difficult to find, regarding the amount and kinds of American securities held by Europeans. It is interesting, for example, to learn that in 1841 Lampson held certificates for ten thousand dollars' worth of Pennsylvania state stock and was interested in bonds of the state of Missouri. He also owned fifteen shares of the American Fur Company's stock.

On December 4, 1837, Brewster wrote in haste to Crooks that \$500,000 of a Michigan loan had been taken in Detroit and that the high rate of exchange would soon be reduced materially. "Now", he writes, "is the time to purchase our Michigan money in your city on speculation, and if the Company has funds or can borrow them, I have no doubt but a very handsome operation could be made in operating largely in the purchase of the certificates of our Banks." A list of Detroit banks follows. Similarly, references to banking conditions in Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana are numerous throughout the letters of the company and its factors, the latter constantly drawing drafts on the company to pay for furs and skins purchased in those regions. It would be interesting to make a study showing how important as a source of ready cash the American Fur Company was in this country of scarce money.

Although Lampson was more intimately connected with the American Fur Company than any other foreigner, the correspondence with several other English firms was very heavy and revealed contacts between England and America that are well worth consideration. The company's books show that from \$150,000 to \$200,000 worth of furs was shipped yearly by the company to England, and this amount with the profit from sales was invested in

blankets, cutlery, silver ornaments, calico, strouds, vermillion, traps, guns, and a long list of other articles. Blankets and cloths were obtained from A. and S. Henry and Company and Benjamin Gott and Sons of Leeds, and from Crafts and Stell of Manchester. Hiram Cutler of Sheffield sent scalping knives, other knives, traps, flints, and a general assortment of cutlery. Fielden Brothers and Company and Crary, Fletcher, and Company, both of Liverpool, acted as shipping agents; and George Wildes and Company, of London, and later Wildes, Pickersgill, and Company of Liverpool, served, to a considerable extent at least, as bankers. Abstracts of a few letters from these firms will serve to illustrate the kind of data that can be found in their correspondence with the company.

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Other foreign correspondents were De Massiac and De Loisson of Pierry, France, who shipped wines to Crooks to be sold in the chief American cities. In 1846 they were seeking to increase their sales in the United States and requested Crooks to present samples of their wines to individual Congressmen, as such generosity would extend a knowledge of their product to every state. Another French firm was represented by Alphonse Loubat, who secured blankets, ribbons, and other French merchandise. He seems to have been connected with a firm in New York and with the commission house of Tardieu and Loubat in Havre.

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A change is visible in the company's correspondence after the summer of 1842. That year was one of the worst in the history of the American Fur Company. The winter was mild—so mild that furs could not be secured in the Ohio Valley and on the headwaters of the Mississippi; the bank situation in the United States was a constant irritant to business of all varieties; a large stock of furs lay unsold; the "war" between Great Britain and China kept the ports of the latter country closed to commerce and so the best market for otters could not be reached; the new Russian tariff was being vigorously enforced and many of the American Fur Company's wares at the Leipzig fair could no longer find their way, openly or secretly, beyond the German frontier into Russia; the Leipzig fair itself was the worst in years; and the American Fur Company lost

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heavily. In September the company suspended payment and was placed in the hands of George Ehninger as receiver. The next few years were devoted to paying its debts. The correspondence of the early part of 1846 seems to show a reorganization of the company at that time. Thereafter it appears to have acted as a commission house marketing furs for other companies and securing their merchandise in European markets. A new charter was obtained, stating that the capital of the firm was three hundred thousand dollars. In many ways the company's interests remained as before and no break is discernible in its correspondence. Its records, however, end for all practical purposes with the year 1847.

GRACE LEE NUTE.

## SUPPLEMENTARY FOOTNOTES

(A) Since this article was written, the archives of the Hudson's Bay Company have been opened to qualified students and some material from these archives has been published. Some additional papers of the North West Company have also turned up in other places, notably in the General Register House, Edinburgh, and in some Canadian depositories.

(B) See Herbert Heaton's "Benjamin Gott and the Anglo-American Cloth Trade" in the Journal of Economic and Business History, II (November, 1929), based in part on the papers of the American Fur Company.

(C) See papers of the American Fur Company in the Carnegie Public Library, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, for additional data on this topic. They were used by the author in preparing her Lake Superior, The American Lak Series, II (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Company. 1944).

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1831-1840



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1831

- Apr. 2 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Rolette's claim is held up in the Indian Bureau. Bailly's claim has been paid to Nourse. lp. 1
- Apr. 14 -- Boston -- From Bates & Son  
Have difficulty in securing funds, since they cannot dispose of New York paper and banks have not resumed specie payment. lp. 2
- July 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re delay in returns from Sioux and estimate of returns from the upper Missouri. Request the Company to guarantee all of best customers. [Part illegible] Re drafts. lp. (French) 3
- Aug. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Chapron & Nidelet  
Enclose a draft for acceptance. lp. 4

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- Aug. 24 -- Mackinac -- James Blont to his parents  
Has engaged with Franchere for three years. Is paid £30 per year and expenses. lp. 5

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- Feb. 9 -- Washington -- From Menard & Vallé  
Giving details of consignments of furs and crediting proceeds to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 6
- July 1 -- Department of State, Washington -- Louis McLane to W. B. Astor  
Has received letter from Astor to the Secretary of War on the advantages of total abolition of the use of ardent spirits among the Northwest Indians, and the request that government co-operate with Great Britain in that object. Will submit the matter to the President. lp. 7
- Sept. 3 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Will collect the drafts as requested. The prospects are fair for the continuance of a good general business. L.B.C. 2: 109 8
- Oct. 19 -- Washington -- Lewis Cass (unofficial) to W. B. Astor  
McLane has discussed with the British Minister the matter taken up in Astor's letter of September 7. lp. 9
- Oct. 20 -- Louis McLane (private) to Lewis Cass  
Sir A. N. V. thinks that the Hudson's Bay Company have by

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their charter exclusive control over the subject referred to and that it is not probable that the British government will interfere. 1p. 10

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Jan. 7 — Lancaster — Henry Gibbs to Wm. B. Astor  
Has rifles which he wishes to sell to the Company. 1p. 11

Jan. 31 — Portland — From Byron Greenough  
Encloses balance on account. Is unable to get New York funds. The season is unfavorable for the sale of buffalo robes. 1p. 12

Mar. 28 — Liege — Joseph & Charles Begasse to Astor  
Desire to sell blankets to Astor's firm, which they can furnish at an advantage. Hope Astor will come to Belgium, as they wish to have an interview with him. An interview will be most satisfactory in making an arrangement. Offer to send a sample blanket. 2p. (French) 13

Apr. 17 — Riviere du Loup — Etienne Mayrand to Jean Baptiste Mayrand  
Has seen Gabriel Franchere in March about the agreement, but has not paid him, because the authorization must be in legal form. Discusses the share of funds for each heir. Personal affairs mentioned. Enclosed in no. 92. 2p. (French) 14

Apr. 21 — Liverpool — J. B. Fleming to J. J. Astor  
Refers to a letter of introduction from Mr. King to Astor. Gives Fleming's qualifications to fill office of purchasing agent in England for the Company. Discusses the rates of commission. Enclosed in no. 16. 2p. 15

May 14 — Manchester — From J. B. Fleming  
Describes efforts to see Mr. Astor and plans for acting as agent at Manchester for the Company. Cotton goods remain at about the same prices; woollens are higher. The Trades Union men about Leeds made another turnout on May 13, to which the Masters have little objection, as it will enable them to get rid of their stocks. Encloses no. 15. 2p. 16

May 16 — New York — To Henry Williams, Albany  
Hunter, Chapin & Co. have contracted to transport the property of the Company to and from Buffalo this year. Barker & Holt will be the agents at Buffalo. L.B.C. 1:19 17

May 19 — New York — To Edmund A. Brush, Washington  
An arrangement is in progress by which the management of the Company's affairs will be intrusted to Crooks. Stuart says

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that the government will give Brush the contract for forwarding Indian goods to Chicago. Thinks that the Company can supply all articles on better terms than can be obtained elsewhere. The Company can deliver the goods at Chicago. L.B.C. 1:20 18

May 30 — War Department — Lewis Cass to W. B. Astor

The government fully concurs in opinion about Indian hostilities. Discusses efforts to deal with the Indians. May have to send dragoons. 3p. 19

May 31 — Philadelphia — From Menard & Vallé

Ask for quick sale of furs and skins just shipped, either at public or private sale. The proceeds are to be placed to the credit of Menard & Vallé's account with the Western Department of the Company. 1p. 20

June 4 — New York — To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

The agreement between John Jacob Astor, the Company, and Crooks and associates is concluded. A certified copy of the document goes to Stuart. Encloses letter to Stuart, in which Abbott is authorized to act for the new concern. Wishes a new and accurate inventory at once. Stuart will have charge of all returns from the country and all the old business. Requests that goods for Duvernay be held until Crooks arrives. Stuart will transfer to Abbott's charge all goods, provisions and supplies. Clapp has agreed to accompany Crooks to the Lake region. L.B.C. 1:22-23 21

June 4 — New York — To Robert Stuart, Mackinac

Stuart has been notified by proper authority that the agreement has been concluded between J. J. Astor and the Company and Crooks and associates. Abbott has been appointed to carry into effect the agreement and will take charge until Crooks arrives at Mackinac. L.B.C. 1:21 22

June 4 — New York — To James Abbott, Detroit

Astor will advise Jas. Abbott of the disposal of interest in the Company and that Crooks has assumed charge of the Company. Gives details of the returns due the old concern. Wishes an inventory of all goods on hand. The supplies for the 1834 trade at Mackinac are to be furnished as if no change had occurred. L.B.C. 1:24-25 23

June 4 — New York — To Brewster, Detroit

The agreement with Astor is executed with no material alteration. Encloses a letter for Jas. Abbott, which Brewster will observe in dealing with Abbott. If Abbott has an agreement to furnish goods for Messrs. Williams, it must be fulfilled. Refers Brewster to Halsey & Co. for information about furs and skins. All goods imported by the Company have been forwarded to Mackinac. L.B.C. 1:26-27 24



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June 9 -- From Menard &amp; Vallé

Are satisfied with the results of the sale of furs. Fear that Congress will adjourn without allowing their claim. Hard pressed to adjust matters with their creditors. 1p. 25

June 20 -- Albany -- From Hunter, Chapin &amp; Co. (per Brown)

Send abstract of the goods shipped by the Merchants Line for the Company this season. The tallying may not agree with the reports of the towboat operators, as they have not included the shipments by the Pilot Line. 2p. 26

June 21 -- Lancaster -- John Brandt to W. B. Astor

Has relinquished business of making rifles; work will be conducted by Jacob Fordney, whom Brandt recommends. 1p. 27

June 24 [?] -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau &amp; Co.

Are much gratified that Crooks will buy some stock in the Northern Department of the Company and will come to New York to negotiate the final arrangements. 2p. 28

July 5 -- Liege -- Joseph &amp; Charles Begasse to Astor

Have received no reply to their previous letter to Astor. Desire ardently to enter into business with Astor in supplying wool blankets. Sample blankets sent to New York. Discuss their prices. Factory is one of best in Belgium and can meet competition of England and France. Desire to establish foreign markets. 3p. (French) 29

Aug. 13 -- Mackinac -- To Pratte, Chouteau &amp; Co., St. Louis

The organization of the Company's business on the frontier is nearly complete; hopes it will give security to mutual trade. Discusses meeting place to consider an agreement about cooperation in business. L.B.C. 1:51 30

Aug. 17 -- Michilimackinac -- Gabriel Franchere to Jean

Baptiste Mayrand

Encloses letter of exchange from Etienne Mayrand which has not been paid. Franchere will return to Mackinac in the autumn. Will have little time in Montreal. If Mayrand will send power-of-attorney, Franchere will draw money due Mayrand in Montreal. Enclosed in no. 92. 2p. 31

Aug. 22 -- Witney -- Early &amp; Sons to Astor &amp; Co.

Regret losing blanket trade of the Company. Can produce better goods than ever before. Hudson's Bay Co. has greatly increased its consumption. Wish to place trial order. 3p. 32

Sept. 6 -- Mackinac -- To Pratte, Chouteau &amp; Co., New York

Discusses proposed meeting with a member of Pratte, Chouteau firm. The Company will supply all goods desired at 2 1/2 per cent commission and will sell all furs, skins, etc., at the same rate; but the Company will not engage to do a portion of

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the business on these terms. In case of Crooks's absence from New York, Halsey & Co. will carry out all agreements. L.B.C. 1:54-55 33

Sept. 18 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Bailly has caused trouble and should be removed from the trade. Discusses quality of blankets received. 3p. 34

Sept. 19 -- Boulton -- J. Joseph Henry to the Company (per J. Henry)  
Has forwarded a sample rifle; describes this rifle, the price of which is \$11. 2p. 35

Sept. 20 -- Lapointe -- From William Aitken  
Describes troubles with the Indians. Advises taking precautions against letting men contract debts. Has written Schoolcraft about the charge that his men trade without licenses. Thinks that fisheries can be made more profitable than the fur trade. Bailly is giving credit and liquor to the Indians. Asks for fur prices. 2p. 36

Sept. 25 -- Lancaster -- Henry Gibbs to W. B. Astor  
Wishes to know the prospective demand for rifles, as he has good rifles for sale. 1p. 37

Sept. 29 -- To John Agnew [Extract]  
Has hopes of promoting fisheries. Is willing to consider any offer from Roussain for his services. Gives terms that might be offered Roussain. Wishes Agnew to find out Roussain's plans. An engagement with Roussain would terminate in 5 years. Enclosed in no. 246. L.B.C. 1:188-189 38

Oct. 14 -- Chicago -- From J. B. Beaubien  
Sends report of expenses for sending cattle to the Sault. Discusses purchase of the Company building. 2p. 39

Oct. 14 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Discusses order for goods for sale. Bailly will not sell his outfit. Hunts are injured by delay in annuity payments. Sends order for rifles. 2p. 40

Oct. 16 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Agrees that it is fortunate that the Company has little opposition this year. Gives location of men. Does not know that missionaries have ever yet interfered with the Company's trade. Thinks that the report about DuBay and the Indians is exaggerated. Opponents are dealing in liquor. Has furnished DuBay with means to procure provisions. Discusses supplies needed for fishing business. Roussain will be as capable for the Company's business as Holiday. There is delay in building plans. Aitken is very unreliable. Has received provisions

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from Chapman. Gives details of building materials needed early. Discusses time and location of new fishery. 6p. 42

Oct. 31 — Green Bay — John Lawe to Samuel Abbott

Quotes a letter from Crooks on the necessity of having provisions for the Indians. Menominee payments are late. The quarter-master's department will pay the Indians this year. Is indignant over the government agents' treatment of the Indians. Gives details of securing material for boats. Asks for corn and flour. 12p. 43

Oct. 22 — Boulton — J. Joseph Henry to the Company

Desires to sell to the Company 200 Northwest guns, boxes and covers included, at \$4.75. Hopes to be favored with the order for rifles as usual. 1p. 44

Oct. 23 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott

Lawe of Green Bay complains of the tardiness of payments to the Indians. Orders boat knees, flour and corn for Lawe. Has instructed him to sell his cranberries. The mats from Lawe are on the way. 1p. 45

Oct. 27 — Mackinac — From Abbott

Encloses duplicate of letter of Oct. 23. Payment of the Indians was to have taken place Oct. 23. 1p. 46

Oct. 28 — New York — Alphonse Loubat to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Has received an order for blankets to be delivered to Halsey & Co. Gives quality, style and prices of the blankets. 2p. 47

Oct. 30 — New York — Halsey & Co. to Alphonse Loubat, New York

Have received letter regarding the blankets for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Describes the kinds and prices of the blankets. Gives directions for marking the bales. L.B.C. 1:30 48

Oct. 31 — Liverpool — From Fisher Bros. & Co. (per A. Cameron)

Enclose the invoice and the bill of lading for woollens and blankets received from John Fisher & Co. and consigned to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis. Annexes the account of the charges. Has also forwarded a parcel of patterns. 1p. 49

Oct. 31 — New York — John C. Halsey & Co. to Gott & Sons, Leeds

Sends detailed order for woolen goods. The Company is being reorganized, hence Halsey is sending this order. The goods should leave England by Feb. 1. Have arranged for payment thru Wildes & Co. Crooks will continue to be identified with the

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Company. Crooks on his return from the interior will advise about other goods required. L.B.C. 1:1-2 50

Oct. 31 -- New York -- J. C. Halsey to Wildes & Co., London  
Has received circular from Pickersgill; will be glad to aid him. Encloses order for goods for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Has advised Gott & Sons that credit will be arranged with Wildes & Co. Urges that goods shall be precisely suited to the Indian trade. L.B.C. 1:3-4 51

Nov. -- -- Chicago -- From J. B. Beaubien  
Reports financial arrangements which he has made. Discusses the goods sold at the annuity payments and the profits made by Beaubien and Juneau. 2p. 52

Nov. 1 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Thinks that he can sell the Company's dwelling house under certain conditions. 1p. 53

Nov. 1 -- St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Gives reasons for Bailly's agreeing to sell out his interest to Sibley, Dousman and Rolette. Has suggested that a new building be erected at Bailly's post. Dousman and Sibley have applied for sutlership at post on Des Moines to keep the Indian trade of that region. Aitken has gone to the Red River colony. Wishes to know if he shall supply the Lake Superior traders with necessities. Is leaving St. Peter's with Bailly in a few days. 3p. 54

Nov. 1 -- Detroit -- From Henry Whiting  
Takes up the matter of leasing the saw mill and canal at Fort Brady. 2p. 55

Nov. 3 -- Detroit -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Re non-arrival of a certain letter. Has ordered additional provisions to be sent to Green Bay. Discusses prices charged by Newberry. Requests that all cranberries be sent to Detroit. Lake Superior arrangements promise well. Wishes to know the quantity of beaver and muskrat traps needed. L.B.C. 1:52-53 56

Nov. 3 -- Detroit -- To Gabriel Franchere, Present  
Re book-keeping supplies which Franchere should have. Requests Franchere to assist Chapman in making out accounts. Gives reasons for employing Roussain again. Encloses note to Col. Whiting at Fort Smith in regard to the Company's desire to have the saw mill there if Hurlbut does not take it. L.B.C. 1:31-32 57

Nov. 3 -- Detroit -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Regrets not having received information from Rolette about

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blankets manufactured at Buffalo. Wool has declined in England but price of blankets is still high. Reports of the last public sales in London and New York are not cheering. Bears, martins, minks, and raccoons are lower than at previous sales. The Company's sale in New York in October was bad; few goods were sold; even poor prices obtained were due to Astor's buying to sustain the market. There must be a diminution in the quantity of muskrats, before the price will improve. Wishes to know how business at the entry of St. Peter's is arranged. Wants list from Dousman of all persons employed by Western Outfit. Wishes to know the lowest price at which pig lead will be furnished at Mackinac. L.B.C. 1:28-29 58

Nov. 4 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Sends extract of a letter from Laws of Green Bay to the effect that his business is threatened by the non-payment of the Menominee annuities and the unequal payment of claims against the Winnebagoes. 2p. 59

Nov. 4 -- Steamer Henry Clay, Lake Erie -- To William Brewster, Detroit

The books of the different departments should be kept in the same manner. Gives instructions for entering various items. Advises that the Saginaw business be placed in the books as Saginaw Outfit in order to distinguish it from the private account of G. D. & E. S. Williams. Specifies following titles for keeping accounts: 1. With the Company at New York, the account is American Fur Company; 2. With the Company at Prairie du Chien, the account is Western Outfit; 3. With the Company at Mackinac, the account is Northern Department; 4. With the Company at Lapointe, the account is Northern Outfit; 5. With Chapman at St. Marys, the account is St. Marys Outfit; 6. With Franchere at St. Marys, the account is Franchere's Outfit; 7. For new vessel, the account is the Company's schooner. Rix Robinson is in charge of Grand River Outfit, Jean Beaubien at Chicago, Solomon Juneau at Milwaukee, John Laws at Green Bay. These do business thru S. Abbott, agent at Mackinac, but, if they are unable to have access to Abbott during the winter, Brewster is to supply their needs. Rolette is factor at Prairie du Chien, Warren at Lapointe, Franchere at Sault St. Marie, Bela Chapman, on the affairs of the St. Marys Outfit, George W. Jones, on affairs of new vessel. Gives shipping marks of each department, and instructions about freight charges. Brewster is to honor drafts and requisitions for goods from Abbott and Franchere. Gives directions about drawing drafts on the Company. Requests that Robinson be kept in funds for skins he can purchase. Desires factors to obtain funds, etc., thru agents. Payment is due Newberry for flour; provisions are required by Juneau. Wishes to know the terms on which Farmers & Merchants Bank will supply the Company with funds next season. Will discontinue the Chicago establishment after next year; wishes to sell building. L.B.C. 1:5-10 60

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Nov. 4 — New York — From David Stone

Is disappointed in not seeing Crooks in New York. Wishes to reserve 300 or 400 bales of buffalo robes. Discusses Stone's interest in a section of land partly held by the Company. Stone prefers to buy the Company's interest. 2p. 61

Nov. 6 — Buffalo — To Capt. Scoville, Buffalo

Has learned from Jones that Scoville wishes to command the Company's schooner. Gives the details of the terms of employment. L.B.C. 1:11 62

Nov. 6 — New Orleans — From John Mager

Re consignment of 21 casks of furs by the order of Menard & Valle. 1p. (French) 63

Nov. 8 — Detroit — From William Brewster

Jones refused to take lumber to Mackinac. Hopes to send flour to Law. Asks for reduction of account because of bad barrels. Cannot have northern account ready by Dec. 1. 3p. 64

Nov. 12 — Ste. Genevieve — From Menard & Valle

Have shipped 21 casks of furs via New Orleans to New York. Proceeds are to be credited to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 65

Nov. 14 — Detroit — From William Brewster

Flour, corn and lumber have been shipped to Green Bay and Mackinac. Materials for the vessel have been received. Building preparations are being made. Re money paid to Jones for building. 3p. 66

Nov. 15 — Sault Ste. Marie — From Bela Chapman

Encloses a draft on the Treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, Boston. Neither Franchere nor Jones has yet arrived. 3p. 67

Nov. 18 — Buffalo — From Barker & Holt

Re account with W. B. Astor. 1p. 68

Nov. 19 — New York — To Hon. Lewis Cass, Washington

Will change the Company agent at Sault Ste. Marie in 1835. Chapman will be without employment. Discusses proposal that Chapman be appointed sutler at Fort Brady, where his appointment will be highly acceptable. L.B.C. 1:12-13 69

Nov. 19 — Prairie du Chien — From Joseph Rolette

Reports on the sales at the Fort Winnebago payment. Bailly has received a license. Foxes have committed Indian murders; fears that the Sioux will be frightened from their hunts. 3p. 70

Nov. 19 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott

Wrote Lawe to send the balance of cranberries to Detroit.

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Rix Robinson has much competition but will get the trade. Received \$4000 from Indian payments at Chicago. Will furnish Chapman with the goods he wants. Probably no fish will be delivered to the Company in the fall. 3p. 71

Nov. 22 -- Manchester -- Crafts & Stell to W. B. Astor  
Have completed arrangements for the execution of orders in Yorkshire. The price of wool has declined somewhat. British wool is consumed faster than it is grown, and the stock has been gradually diminishing. Do not expect much change in the prices of blankets. Discuss the manufacture of blankets of various styles and prices. Solicit orders from the Company. 3p. 72

Nov. 22 -- New York -- Halsey & Co. to Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re directions from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. about goods and prices. Send additional order for woollen goods; credit is established with Wildes & Co. for the payment. Expect the same terms and advantages that Gott has heretofore accorded Mr. Astor. L.B.C. 1:14-15 73

Nov. 22 -- New York -- Halsey & Co. to Wildes & Co., London  
Annex new order in connection with the order of Oct. 31. Have sent an order for woollens to Gott & Sons. Request that Gotts be allowed usual credit. L.B.C. 1:16 74

Nov. 24 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallée, Ste. Genevieve  
Has received from Mager a bill of lading for furs consigned to the Company. Has not received any orders about consignment. The new concern is not yet organized; Crooks has left Astor's concern entirely. L.B.C. 1:17 75

Nov. 29 -- New York -- To Jno. A. Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Annexes a bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. The goods are insured to St. Louis. Astors are about to withdraw from the Company. Their interest will cease with receipt of this year's returns. Future operations of the Company will be managed by new Board of Directors. Crooks will have the active management. L.B.C. 1:18 76

Nov. 29 -- London -- From Robert Gillespie  
Has heard indirectly of Astor's retirement and that the Company intends to make changes in London agents. Describes the past record of his firm. Can fill orders more cheaply than Gott & Sons. 2p. 77

Dec. 3 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gotts & Sons to Jno. Halsey & Co.  
Have received their order for goods. Can furnish goods at lower rates than last year, due to a reduction in the price of wool. 1p. 78

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Dec. 4 -- Detroit -- From George Jones

Failed to make the trip to Ste. Marie. Will start again on Dec. 5. Gives details of the designing of the new vessel. 2p. 79

Dec. 4 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Reports the sums received from the Indian payments at Chicago by Beaulieu, George Lawe and Solomon Juneau. Advises Crooks to request earlier payment of the Menominee annuities; it is reported that the payments were to have been made on Nov. 24. Has received \$3000 from John Lawe. S. Juneau expects considerable money from the Indians at Milwaukee and Rock River. Estimates the number of traps needed for each outfit. Fears that he cannot get lumber for Brewster's boat. Got 100 barrels of fish from Drew; may get more when Biddle returns from the fisheries. 3p. 80

Dec. 5 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Request the Company to receive certain payment due Vallée, Boyer & Co. in New York. 1p. 81

Dec. 5 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

The "Bridget" and "Commodore" return without reaching their destination because of the weather. Suit has been started against the captain of the "Commodore". The "Bridget" is making a second attempt to reach the Sault. Summarizes the contents of Franchère's letter about trade conditions in his department. Law sold his cranberries elsewhere. Brewster regrets that he could not have bought them for sale. Asks for an inventory of goods received by him from J. Abbott and from Saginaw. Mentions an order of colored goods. 3p. 82

Dec. 8 -- Detroit -- From James D. Doty

Will comply with the request to continue as attorney for the Company. A charter from the Territorial legislature would be of advantage to the Company. Gives directions for securing this charter. 2p. 83

Dec. 9 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette

Sends an order for the Western Outfit. Cannot tell the fur prospects yet; they depend upon Indian wars or peace. Annexes a personal order. 2p. 84

Dec. 11 -- Detroit -- From James D. Doty

The Green Bay mortgages are a most difficult and troublesome matter. Advises that the deeds be accepted and the debts cancelled. There is no prospect that Augustin Grignon will ever be worth any more than at present. Will write to Astor. Has sent copies of the receipts to Stuart. 3p. 85



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Dec. 12 -- Detroit -- From James Abbott

Requests that his account be adjusted and that the balance be credited to the Bank of Michigan. 1p. 86

Dec. 12 -- New Orleans -- From John Mager

Forwards a bill of lading for 58 packs of deer and bear skins, shipped by order of Menard & Valle. 1p. 87

Dec. 13 -- Ste. Genevieve -- From Menard & Vallé (per Felix Valle)

Describes two shipments of furs to be sold. Proceeds are to be credited to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 88

Dec. 13 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau

Competitors are paying too high prices for rats. Juneau bought part of his competitor's whiskey. There are few deer skins. Expects to hear from Mr. Mack [?] soon. Indians are dissatisfied and hunt little. Has dismissed several incapable aids. Has sent Abbott \$2500. Has given \$500 to Jean Baptiste Beaulieu. Is much discouraged about peltries. Wishes to know where Robert Stuart is. List of employees and wages of each is given. 3p. (French) 89

Dec. 15 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Reports the second failure of the "Bridget" to reach the Sault; it is the fault of Captain Ludlow. Explains his opinion that inefficient command of the "Bridget" is violation of the charter. Expects a new vessel will be ready by July 1. Gives Jones's calculations as to the building of the vessel. 4p. 90

Dec. 16 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau

Has received 1200 rats and other peltries. Describes the goods exchanged for the rats. Peddlers pay too high prices. Juneau is putting forth his best efforts for the trade; desires instructions as to the prices to offer. 2p. (French) 91

Dec. 16 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Jean Baptiste Mayrand

Sends his power of attorney to Crooks to draw certain funds which are due Mayrand; asks to have these funds invested by the Company. Encloses no. 14 and no. 31. 1p. 92

Dec. 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Directs Brewster to open all communications from those who are connected with the Company. The task of correcting and copying the inventories is nearly completed. Is pleased with Jones's plan to get a new schooner afloat in good time. Discusses the accounts; directs Brewster to draw on Halsey for any deficit. Cannot conduct business in the Company's name, until a transfer of the stock is made and the present Board of Directors ceases to exist. L.B.C. 1:33-35 93

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Dec. 18 — New York — To Fisher Brothers & Co., Liverpool  
Have received the goods in good order and made payment by  
a bill on Wildes & Co. L.B.C. 1:36 94

Dec. 18 — New York — To John Mager, New Orleans  
The furs have been landed in good order. Wishes direc-  
tions about the insurance. L.B.C. 1:37 95

Dec. 19 — New York — To Lucius Lyon, Washington  
Requests Lyon's attention to the application of Hercules  
Dousman, son of Michael Dousman, and Henry H. Sibley, son of  
Judge Sibley, for the position of sutlers to the military post  
about to be established at the River Des Moines. Recommends  
these applicants. L.B.C. 1:39 96

Dec. 19 — New York — To Charles Gratiot, Washington  
There is the usual opposition in the trade with the Indi-  
ans. Recommends Sibley and Dousman for sutlership at the new  
post on the River Des Moines. Sibley and Dousman are interes-  
ted with the Company in the business of the upper Mississippi.  
Encloses a letter for Lyon. Thinks that Cass should favor  
this appointment. The new fort will be in one of the Company's  
best trade sections, and most injurious interference with the  
Indians will inevitably follow, if the suttlng falls into  
strange hands. L.B.C. 1:40-41 97

Dec. 19 — New York — To — Standish, Present  
Wants lances, and beaver and muskrat traps ready on Feb.  
1. L.B.C. 1:38 98

Dec. 19 — New York — To Solomon Sibley, Detroit  
Henry H. Sibley is carrying out satisfactorily his new  
position with the Company. A new military post is to be erected  
on the River Des Moines. Sutlers are always inclined to  
dispute Indian trade with the Company. The new fort will be  
located in an important trading region. Sibley and Dousman  
have applied for the sutlership. Cass has the power to bestow  
the commission on whom he pleases; urges Sibley to write to  
Cass. L.B.C. 1:42 99

Dec. 19 — New York — To Henry H. Sibley, St. Peter's  
Has given attention to the matter of the appointment of a  
sutler at Des Moines river. Regrets that Sibley did not ad-  
dress Cass directly. Is pleased that Sibley considers buying  
out Bailly's interest. Hopes that Bailly will not be allowed  
to reside in the Indian country or on the Fort Snelling reser-  
vation. Advises the erection of new buildings at New Hope.  
Except for the purpose of delivering letters, none of the Lake  
Superior Indians are to approach Fort Snelling nearer than the  
wintering grounds. Advises that the Indians be given provi-  
sions, if needed. Regrets Aitken's coming to St. Peter's.

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Approves of Sibley's making the rounds of posts in company with Bailly whose long experience is valuable. Must have the good will of the officers of the government, especially the Indian agent. Will keep Prairie du Chien advised of the condition of the fur market. There is a great demand for robes at good prices. Has excessive quantity of muskrats; there is no demand for them. Only beaver of light color is wanted. Discusses the prospects of the London market. Expects deer skins to continue in good demand. L.B.C. 1:43-46 100

Dec. 20 — New York — To General Charles Gratiot, Washington  
(Confidential)

Has great hopes of the Lake Superior fisheries. The very best fishing grounds are probably on the British side of the boundary line thru Lake Superior, and the Company may be liable to pay duty upon all fish cured beyond the limit of the United States. Is anxious to save this tax, if it can honestly be done. Requests Gratiot to inquire of the Secretary of the Treasury whether fish taken and cured within jurisdiction of Canada on Lake Huron by American citizens, cured with American salt, and transported wholly in American vessels, the entire capital being exclusively American, are subject to duty. Wishes the plan of establishing a fishery to be kept secret, so uses Huron. L.B.C. 1:60-61 101

Dec. 20 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Bernard Pratte has arranged with the Company (under its new organization) to act as agent for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. The Company has ordered goods as directed by Pratte. Hopes that this business connection may prove one of cordiality and good understanding. Re shipment of certain goods. Gives directions about money paid to firm by Rolette for the old Northern Department. Desires that Pratte, Chouteau & Co. will continue to attend to the upper Mississippi trade which will be separated from the Mackinac trade. Gives directions about the accounts. L.B.C. 1:63-64 102

Dec. 20 — New York — To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Is willing to sell all of the Company's new establishment at a fair price, but does not wish to sell house alone. Considers the management of affairs at Fort Winnebago bad, and blames the new laws of Governor Cass. Does not know how much of the annuity money Paquette has actually obtained. Rolette got \$3500 out of \$17900 paid to the Indians at Fort Winnebago, and \$3200 out of \$4500 at Prairie du Chien. Regrets the failure of the "Commodore" to complete its voyage to the upper lakes, and the non-delivery of supplies and building supplies. Makes proposals about the fishing ports. Brewster has reported that the "Bridget" with Jones and his carpenters on board has not reached the Sault. The United States government failed in the Indian business in the whole Lake Superior region and Green

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Bay country; Indians will have hard winter. Aitken reports that the Indians have gone to hunt. Thinks that Sibley will be a first rate man for the Company's business. The prospects are good in the St. Peter's district. The fur market is stagnant and prices are only nominal. The Hudson's Bay Company's ships have got home safe; their large cargoes must reduce prices. L.B.C. 1:56-59 103

Dec. 20 — New York — To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Will see that the rifles are ready at the proper time; has given special directions for better list cloth. Blankets, strouds and cloths are ordered from England. Approves Rolette's policy in dealing with the Indian agent at St. Peters in the case of Bailly. Expects to see Commissioner of Indian Affairs about the shameful mismanagement of annuities. Will not be Crooks's fault if the War Department succeeds in persuading the Indians to take goods in place of specie. Is desirous to get rid of Bailly. Approves Sibley's plan for new buildings at New Hope. Fears that the attacks of the Foxes on the Menominees and the Winnebagoes will injure the trade. Hopes that large collection of robes will be obtained. Discusses debts from the old Company. The prospects for skins are not very flattering. L.B.C. 1:47-49 104

Dec. 22 — Walpole, N. H. — Josiah Bellows to W. B. Astor  
Can supply woolen socks for the Company, as heretofore. 1p. 105

Dec. 23 — New York — To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Will ship Powder for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. in February. Urges that the boats be ready to receive it. L.B.C. 1:65 106

Dec. 23 — New York — To Crary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool  
The Company has ordered goods from Wildes & Co. and from Gott & Sons; these orders are to be sent to Crary, Fletcher & Co. for shipment. Gives shipping directions. Discusses the use of transient vessels. Importations generally leave England between December and May. Proposes to remit the whole amount of Liverpool charges on the receipt of the last parcel of goods. L.B.C. 1:66-67 107

Dec. 23 — New York — Halsey & Co. to Crary, Fletcher & Co.  
Introduces Ramsay Crooks, acting for and in behalf of the Company, who will have charge of the goods ordered for that Company from England. L.B.C. 1:68 108

Dec. 25 — River St. Peter's — William A. Aitken  
Has had to employ enough men at the posts to defend the property against the Indians. The new system of trade by which little credit was given to the Indians and prices were higher,

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and no ammunition or tobacco were given without money in hand, aroused some opposition. The Indians of the region had gotten ammunition and tobacco gratis for fifteen years. Has secured fish and some other provisions for the winter. Has reduced posts to three less in number, in order to have more men to secure the property. Aitken has gone from post to post giving directions and assistance. The Indians of Red Lake and Little Winipeg region went to Rainy Lake with furs of their fall hunts but the Hudson's Bay Co. would not trade with them. Aitken considers that this is a great service of the Hudson's Bay Co. to the Company. All posts have written directions how to carry on the trade and pay the men. Aitken desires information about the fur market; asks for complete statement of the Fond du Lac accounts. Plans to need fewer men in charge of the posts next year; will use the extra men on the Lake Superior fisheries. Will investigate in the spring the best points to establish fishing stations. No doubt that wealth can be obtained from the Lake Superior fisheries. On the northern shore of Lake Superior are well known fisheries of immense production, but Aitken does not know about the rights to fish on the northern shore. Will discuss the matter with Simpson, if Crooks approves. Has received a draft from Simpson in payment of the treaty arrangements. Will send assistance to Warren at La-pointe. Has received goods from Brewster. Advises that the traders remain at their posts during the summer and cultivate food products. Aitken will be short in powder and shot but will have enough other goods. Aitken came to St. Peter's to settle the accounts from last year. Sp. 109

Dec. 25 — St. Peter's — From William Aitken

It is necessary to man the posts against the Indians. Criticizes the methods of Indian trade. Has reduced the number of posts for safety. Hudson's Bay Company did not encourage the Indians who went to Rainy Lake to trade. It is difficult to get bears in the winter. Encourages the Indians in martin hunt. Inquires about the condition of the fur market, and the amount of the Fond du Lac accounts. The number of men may be safely reduced next year. Will investigate the best places for fishing stations between Fond du Lac and Grand Portage in the spring. Received Hudson's Bay Company's draft in payment of last year's arrangement. Will send men to help Warren at La-pointe. Will reduce agreements with independent traders. Will try to reduce expenses of inland trade. Has written Warren about the report that Chaboillez took liquor to the Ance last fall. Advises that traders raise vegetables in the dull season. The fur returns are 130 packs. Describes the operations of competitors. Gives account of articles received. Gives reasons for bringing Scott into the country. Explains his dealings with Vincent Roy [rival]. Answers criticism about family matters. Criticizes Warren's complaint of hindrance to work from lack of men. Re employing Davenport next year. 4p. 110

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- Dec. 26 — Prairie du Chien — From Joseph Rolette  
Duplicate order sent. Additional personal order. Report of Sibley's having gone with Bailly to Lake Travers, and report of a good supply of rats there. Magazine order. lp. 111
- Dec. 26 — New York — To William Kemble, Present  
Encloses order for powder; requests that it be shipped on time. Gives details of probable orders in the near future. L.B.C. 1:69 112
- Dec. 26 — New York — To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Socks of last season were very dear; unless the price is lower, the Company can secure a supply in New York on better terms. L.B.C. 1:70 113
- Dec. 27 — New York — To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses a bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Discusses insurance. In case of the sale of damaged goods for the benefit of underwriters, requests that the same be purchased for the account of Pratte, Chouteau & Co., whenever advisable. Woolen goods used by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. are peculiar to their trade and entire loss of them is a serious disappointment. L.B.C. 1:71 114
- Dec. 29 — Pittsburgh — From Francis Ronaud  
Has made arrangements to receive powder for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 115
- Dec. 29 — Sault Ste. Marie — From Gabriel Franchere  
There is a lack of flour and corn. Timber is stored under lock. Men are getting out timber for schooner, wharf, and storehouse. Wishes inland traders to be supplied at the Ance or Grand Isle, rather than at Sault Ste. Marie. Re getting use of the canal from the lessee. Discusses the methods of getting material for ship building and wishes to charter a steamer in the spring. Chapman has bought more furs than he has traded the equivalent of in goods. Probability that Chapman will suffer from a lack of corn for his cattle. Discusses Holliday's poor eyesight. 5p. 116
- Dec. 30 — Walpole, N. H. — Josiah Bellows to Astor  
Gives details of the purchase of socks in 1833. Discusses the prices. Hopes to satisfy the Company. 2p. 117
- Dec. 30 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has delivered Brewster's message to Halsay & Co. Advises that Brewster take the best legal advice in his region in regard to the case of the charter party of the "Bridget" and of the "Commodore". L.B.C. 1:50 118
- Dec. 30 — Leeds — Gott & Sons to J. O. Halsay & Co.  
Re filling orders for goods. lp. 119

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Dec. 31 — New York — Benjamin Clapp to James Abbott, Detroit  
 The terms of agreement between the Company and Abbott for the past season provided that Abbott should be paid 2 1/2 per cent commission on \$20000 whether or not he purchased to that extent. L.B.C. 1:80 120

Dec. 31 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., Present  
 The organization of the Company under the new direction is now completed. Crooks confirms the offer of services made in a previous letter. Desires a formal agreement from the firm on this subject. L.B.C. 1:80 121

Dec. 31 — New York — To Samuel Campbell, Franklin, N. J.  
 Gives detailed order for 3250 inches of wampum hair pipes, and 75 sets wampum moons, at the same prices as in 1833. L.B.C. 1:72 122

Dec. 31 — New York — To George Wildes & Co., London  
 Management of the Company has passed from Astor to the new stockholders. Upon the recommendation of Halsey & Co., the new Company has selected Wildes & Co. to act as its agents. Has shipped deer skins of a fine quality to be sold at the best advantage. Discusses insurance. Gives details of the goods ordered by Halsey & Co. for the new Company. L.B.C. 1:73-74 123

Dec. 31 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
 The management of the Company is in new hands; directors have decided to open correspondence with Wildes & Co. of London instead of with Astor's former agents. Re shipment of deer skins to Wildes & Co. to be forwarded. Desires to be advised of everything relating to furs and skins. Information of condition of the fur market is essential to good management of the Company's business. L.B.C. 1:75-76 124

Dec. 31 — Mouth of River St. Peter's — From Henry H. Sibley  
 Left Dec. 1 for a tour of the upper posts, but had to turn back at Traverse des Sioux. Wrote the agent at Lac Travers to collect all the buffalo robes possible. Whooping cough interferes with the Indian hunts. Complains that the War Department draws the Indians from the Western Outfit territory by underselling. Aitken left on Dec. 30. At Stuart's request settled accounts of Baker & Miree against the old Company at Mackinac. Rolette and Dousman have decided not to buy out Bailly's interest in the Outfit. Major Taliaferro will return in the spring; Bailly's statement that the former is unfriendly to the Company should be discounted because of personal hostility. Complained to the War Department that the sutler who was engaged in the Indian trade, sold liquor to other than soldiers; Cass said that it would be stopped. Inquires if an answer to the Company's application for the sutlership for the new post on the Des Moines River has been received; very important. Fears

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that certain box was on one of the steamboats sunk between New Orleans and St. Louis. 3p. 125.

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- Jan. 2 — New York — To Hunter, Chapin & Co., Albany  
Requests the weight of the separate packages in a recent shipment. L.B.C. 1:77 126
- Jan. 3 — New York — To James Abbott, Detroit  
Re statement of account between James Abbott and the Company for 1834. L.B.C. 1:78 127
- Jan. 3 — New York — To James Abbott, Detroit  
Gives details of the accounts and the balance due Abbott. L.B.C. 1:79 128
- Jan. 3 — New York — To J. J. Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Has examined the new sample rifle and highly approves of it. The price is not unreasonable. Will need only a small order this year; thinks it is best to use the old English article. Will not need any Northwest guns. Gives details of an order for rifles. L.B.C. 1:81 129
- Jan. 4 — Buffalo — From William Brewster  
Has joined the forwarding and commission business with Whiting and Avery. Mentions the death of Avery. Discusses the purchases and prices of produce. Has bought an interest in Pratte Taylor's steamboat business. Expects to win the lake transportation business. Will carry out Crooks's ideas of low charges. 2p. 130
- Jan. 4 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
Has not heard whether Lawe received the money for the Menominee claims. Roussain is making fishing boats; mechanics are satisfactory. Received 100 barrels of fish from Biddle. The failure of the boats to reach the Sault and Mackinac will cause heavy losses. The retail store order will be larger, if the traders of Lake Superior must go to Mackinac. 3p. 131
- Jan. 4 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
Has received no information from Green Bay since last letter (Dec. 4), which could not be sent until the present time. Hopes that Lawe has been successful in collecting money from the Menominees at the payment. Roussain now engaged in making material for fishing boats and will go in search of Durham boat. Sends a list of articles which Dousman wishes. After returning from the fishing grounds, Biddle had 100 barrels more of white fish. Brewster writes of the unsuccessful attempt of the vessel carrying the Company's lumber on board to reach



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Mackinac in November. Has just received news from Franchere that the "Bridget" has not been heard from. This is unfortunate for the company. 3p. 132

Jan. 5 -- Montreal -- From Vallé, Boyer & Co.

Will transact any business for the Company on the terms offered. Will draw on the Company for any drafts issued by Franchere. Have prospects of securing coopers at \$200 per year. Discuss robes wanted. 2p. 133

Jan. 5 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Regrets the failure of the "Bridget" to reach destination. Fears that Chapman and Franchere are badly off. Approves of Jones's plan for building vessel. Advises Brewster to obtain best legal advice and proceed cautiously in the case of the "Bridget." The Company is entitled to indemnification. Aitken and Warren have reported on affairs at Fond du Lac. Still hopes for fair returns from Northern Outfit. There is need for Durham boat and ten small fishing boats, and proposes building them at the Sault. The account with James Abbott has been settled. Re Detroit Department accounts with Abbott. The Company had final settlement with Astor on Dec. 29 when he transferred the stock. The election of directors has been held. J. J. and W. B. Astor have retired from the Company. Has concluded an agreement with Pratte, Chouteau & Co. by which the Company will do all their business in New York, which will give a handsome item of income. Hopes to serve as agent for Menard & Vallé. Latest reports received from the upper Mississippi were favorable. Re accounts from the old Company. Gives details of an error in the Saginaw inventory. Wishes Brewster to examine the inventory very carefully. Desires a complete statement of the Detroit accounts for 1834. Annexes copy of James Abbott's account, and of secretary's report of the election of directors of the Company. L.B.C. 1:82-89 134

Jan. 5 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses an invoice of cloth and blankets imported from Fisher & Co. of England. Discusses the inferior quality of these goods. Will not advise giving any further orders to Fisher & Co. Mackenzie was in London in December; reported beaver very low and muskrats worthless. Astor continues to hold Pratte, Chouteau beaver for a better price. Annexes an invoice of merchandise. L.B.C. 1:90-95 135

Jan. 5 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Black River, O.

Regrets that Jones was prevented from reaching the Sault before navigation closed. Hopes that the schooner may be completed for next season. Advises that Jones and Brewster plan the matter of building the schooner as soon as possible. Will procure any additional building materials needed. L.B.C. 1: 96-97 136

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- Jan. 5 -- Black River -- From George Jones  
Did not go to Ste. Marie. Will build a schooner for the Company in the spring. 2p. 137
- Jan. 6 -- New Orleans -- From John A. Merle & Co.  
Goods have been received in good order and forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Desire to continue business relations with the Company. 1p. 138
- Jan. 6 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Reports rouse fear that the "Bridget" is wrecked. Trade is poor. Timber for the schooner is being cut. 2p. 139
- Jan. 6 -- Buffalo -- From S. G. Heacock (Agent of Buffalo Woolen Manufactory)  
Requests further directions about the blankets ordered. 1p. 140
- Jan. 7 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Discusses the fishing areas in Lake Superior and the requirements of the government in the matter of duty. Requests Gratiot to obtain more definite information. L.B.C. 1:98 141
- Jan. 9 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry  
Is pleased that Crooks approves of the pattern rifle. Will fill the orders as soon as possible. Must finish South Carolina orders first. 1p. 142
- Jan. 10 -- New York -- To Henry Gibbs, Lancaster, Pa.  
Has no order for rifles at present. L.B.C. 1:99 143
- Jan. 10 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Re order for supply of socks. Is taking orders for robes. L.B.C. 1:100 144
- Jan. 12 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Is experiencing serious difficulty in securing transportation of powder. Advises that order for powder should reach New York by Dec. 1. Was informed at Washington that a sutler for the new fort on Des Moines river had been appointed before Sibley's application was known. Fears that this sutler may be a troublesome opponent. The fur market is dead. Astor has not sold any of his rats. Advises a 2 per cent decrease in the rates paid for muskrats. L.B.C. 1:101-102 145
- Jan. 12 -- Buffalo -- From Hunter, Chapin & Co. (per Brown)  
Discusses discrepancies in accounts. Has examined Barker & Holt's books. Re misunderstanding about certain shipments. 1p. 146

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Jan. 13 -- New Orleans -- From John Mager

Discusses the insurance of \$1850 on 21 casks of furs. Encloses an extract from a letter of Crooks to Mager, Dec. 18, 1834, requesting information about the insurance on the furs shipped. 1p. 147

Jan. 13 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Will follow instructions in Crooks's letter in the matter of taking legal advice in the cases of failures of the vessels chartered by the Company last fall. Sends a list of contracts and prices for provisions. Gives details of reported opposition to the Company. Sends an order for bags for Lapointe spring corn. Abbott intends to send the "Bridget" to St. Mary's in the spring. Cargo stored in her during the winter must be partly spoiled. 3p. 148

Jan. 14 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot

Has received a reply from First Comptroller about lake fisheries. Regrets that the terms are not more favorable. Criticises the House for wasting time in dilatory debate. Robert Stuart is in Washington to see about the claims of the Company under Chicago treaty. 3p. 149

Jan. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Discuss accounts with the Western Outfit and of the Northern Department. Ask for a complete statement of accounts from Crooks. Gives details of Chouteau's health. 3p. (French) 150

Jan. 14 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows

Will forward the socks at once. Is gratified that Crooks is the president of the Company. Discusses the order for robes. 1p. 151

Jan. 15 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Request the Company not to make further effort to collect a certain debt. 1p. 152

Jan. 15 -- New York -- To George W. Wildes & Co., London

Sends order for goods. Needs a large quantity of net thread, twine, and cod lines. Thinks that the Hudson's Bay Company uses these same materials, so precise quality may be obtained without difficulty. L.B.C. 1:105 153

Jan. 15 -- New York -- To Robert Gillespie, London

Change of correspondents in England by new Company is not due to any dissatisfaction with Gillespie. L.B.C. 1:106 154

Jan. 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds

Change in management of the Company has taken place. As-tors have transferred their interests to new stockholders. Discusses orders for goods and credit opened with Wildes & Co.

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Wish to be regularly informed of state of woolen market. Is having some blankets made in New York. Prefers to continue relations with Gotts if prices and terms be satisfactory. L.B.C. 1:103-104 155

Jan. 15 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Encloses Sibley's draft on Dousman. Sends an order for goods. Few deer, but many rats obtained. lp. 156

Jan. 15 -- Liverpool -- From Fisher Brothers & Co. (per A. Cameron)  
Encloses a bill of lading and charges for the blankets forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 157

Jan. 16 -- New York -- To S. G. Heacock, Buffalo  
Sends an order for blankets; hopes to receive superior quality. L.B.C. 1:107 158

Jan. 16 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has not seen Stanard. Mentions office affairs. Money is so easily put out on bond and mortgage that Crooks has found no one interested in Brewster's offer in Detroit. L.B.C. 1: 108-109 159

Jan. 17 -- New York -- To Hon. James D. Doty, Detroit  
Company will postpone application for incorporation in Michigan until Doty can give the matter personal attention. L.B.C. 1:110 160

Jan. 17 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Is not surprised at the Comptroller's decision that fish cured and packed on the shores of Canada are foreign. The Company will use deck of vessels instead of the beach for the care of the fish. Stuart is out of the trade and is not likely to enlighten Indian committee much. L.B.C. 1:111 161

Jan. 20 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Discusses the errors in invoices and inventories of the past season. Desires complete requisition for goods to be imported. Hopes that Brewster has procured provisions, according to agreement. Brewster is not to make contract for traps, tomahawks, axes, and grubbing hoes. L.B.C. 1:112-114 162

Jan. 20 -- Detroit -- From Solomon Sibley  
Has written to the Secretary of War and Delegate Lyons in favor of the appointment of Henry H. Sibley to the sutlership at the post on Des Moines River. Trowbridge [?] has promised to urge his appointment. Has received no answer to his letters. lp. 163

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Jan. 20 — Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette

Explains his unwillingness to buy out Bailly. Offers to help Sibley in the erection of buildings. Exonerates post from the charge of aggression against Missouri traders. Re debts of Company. Good fur prospects, if the Indians keep peace. Re sale of supplies to Lake Superior people. Hindrance to hunts by two Indian murders. Sends order for goods. 3p. 164

Jan. 21 — New York — To William Kemble, Present

Re order for additional quantity of powder. L.B.C. 1:115 165

Jan. 21 — New York — To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Will give attention to the order for goods for the Western Outfit. Has already forwarded gun powder. Wishes to know whether Rolette wants Buffalo blankets. Will attend to Mayrand's claim in Lower Canada. L.B.C. 1:116 166

Jan. 22 — New York — To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee

Approves Juneau's plan to barter muskrats and goods. Does not expect any improvement in the market for muskrats. Newberry is unable to sell rats at cost. Deer skins are the safest article to buy. Does not recommend that Juneau purchase skins from neighbors. Urges Juneau not to buy anything from opponents. Requests full reports from Juneau on trade affairs. L.B.C. 1:117-119 167

Jan. 22 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Tells of new organization of the Company. Franchere has advised the Company that Vallee, Boyer & Co. will transact any business in Canada for them. Gives details of terms of compensation. Re drafts drawn by Franchere. Need to employ coopers. Re power of attorney to collect funds from Etienne Mayrand. Wishes to know if Vallee, Boyer & Co. desire robes this season; demand exceeds supply. L.B.C. 1:120-122 168

Jan. 22 — New York — To Josiah Bellows, Walpole

Has received order for robes. Re order for additional socks. L.B.C. 1:123 169

Jan. 22 — New York — To David Stone, Dayton

Can promise Stone only 100 bales of robes. L.B.C. 1:124 170

Jan. 22 -- Buffalo -- From Hunter, Chapin & Co. (per Armstrong)

Requests Crooks to see that drafts drawn on the Company are paid. 1p. 171

Jan. 22 -- St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received invoice of woollen goods. Gives items of expenses of insurance and customs. Will compare goods from Fishers with goods on hand. Order was given to Fishers on the

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recommendation of Davenport. Complains about English merchants. Is pleased that Company approves agreement with La Carcole [?]. 2p. (French)

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Jan. 23 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Will send money to Franchere to buy provisions. Will instruct Abbott to get men and materials from Mackinac to St. Mary's in the early spring. Arrangements are made with Jones for work at St. Mary's in the early spring. Legal advice leads to the expectation of recovery of damages for the non-arrival of the "Bridget" at Sault last fall. Good business prospects and advantageous arrangements with Chouteau & Co. Fishing is poor. His statement to Crooks contained all that Abbott gave him for the old company. Asks for legal documents of incorporation of this agency by the Company and of sale by old to new Company. Sends a copy of the settlement with the Troy & Erie Transportation Co. Expects fair sales of furs in the spring. Re applying to the legislature for the Company charter. 3p.

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Jan. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss

Gen. Pratte has informed them that Crooks is to have the future management of the Company's business. Request information whether the Northwest guns are satisfactory. Ask for instructions about the market and transportation of fine fancy agate beads. Give a list of goods on hand. 2p.

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Jan. 23 -- New York -- To J. B. Beaubien, Chicago

Regrets that Beaubien made so little at annuities. Funds if anything but specie should be sent to Brewster. Desires full information about Beaubien's business. The Hudson's Bay Company have enough rats to supply hatters both in Europe and America. Wishes to know about hunts and probable collections. L.B.C. 1:125-27

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Jan. 23 -- New York -- To Crary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool

Re goods ordered from Gott & Sons and from Wildes & Co. to be forwarded to Liverpool. L.B.C. 1:128

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Jan. 24 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works

There is delay in mail service. Sends detailed order for English pattern rifles. Wishes a new pattern rifle in each box. L.B.C. 1:129

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Jan. 24 -- New York -- To Menard & Valle, Ste. Genevieve

Is finding difficulty in selling raccoons. Discusses the quality of skins. Wishes directions about selling skins. Will give attention to all consignments. Mager has not reported on insurance from New Orleans to New York. Annexes a memorandum of consignment of furs. L.B.C. 1:130-132

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Jan. 24 — New York — To William Brewster

Discusses the distribution of provisions. Will furnish Brewster with an iron safe and the other articles needed. Gives directions about Juneau's draft. Discusses selling the cargo of the "Bridget" and offers suggestions for the settlement of the case. Stanard does not seem anxious to become master over the Lake Superior schooner. Re account with the old company for provisions. L.B.C. 1:133-135 179

Jan. 24 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Black River

Is pleased with Jones's plan to complete the vessel early. Hopes that Jones has sufficient carpenters engaged. Wishes an estimate of the time required to build schooner. L.B.C. 1:136 180

Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhaus, Philadelphia

Does not know opinion of the St. Louis firm about the northwest guns. Fancy beads ordered by Mackenzie in February, 1833 should have been delivered a year ago; the Company cannot receive them now except under directions from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Re order for gloves, mittens and beads. Gives details of other articles that may be ordered later. Requests lowest prices and longest credit possible. L.B.C. 1:137-138 181

Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Bernard Pratte, Philadelphia

Gives details of printed cloths. Advises Pratte to purchase from Siter, Price & Co. Has ordered powder for Rolette. Gives details of scarlet shawls and prices. Advises Pratte to arrange with Geisse & Co. about goods Crooks has ordered. Has not found any Mexican shawls in New York. L.B.C. 1:139-140 182

Jan. 26 -- Sandy Lake -- From William Aitken

Gives a general estimate of fur returns. Lack of food is a hindrance. Berthketh [?] is given charge at the Ance. Reports Warren's ideas -- cannot spare Davenport. 3p. 183

Jan. 26 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows

Socks have been shipped. Present order will be filled on time. 1p. 184

Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal

Annexes account. Requests remittance of balance. L.B.C. 6:454 185

Jan. 26 -- Geddes -- From Luther Marsh

Has been asked by Barker & Holt of Buffalo to inform Crooks that he can furnish salt for packing fish. Also has fish barrels. 1p. 186

Jan. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have handed order to Geisse & Korckhaus and goods will be

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forwarded. Gives details of certain figured cloth which is not in the market. Gives directions about an order for tea. lp. 187

Jan. 27 -- Boston -- Gill & Wheelock to W. B. Astor  
Have forwarded case of goods received from Bellows. lp. 188

Jan. 28 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry  
Pattern rifles are finished. Will forward them in a few days if roads get no worse. Can deliver whole of the Company's orders by Mar. 1. lp. 189

Jan. 28 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Samuel Ashmun  
Would like to have charge of Indian trade at the Sault. 190

Jan. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Bernard Pratte  
Gives details of canton crepe shawls, Mexican and Salamanca shawls. Has bought some French shawls. Gives details of blue calico in stock of Siter, Price & Co. 2p. 191

Jan. 28 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Discuss damage on tin plate shipped to New York; tell about insurance arrangements. lp. (French) 192

Jan. 29 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Will give personal attention to all consignments from the Company. Gives details of prices of deer skins and report of recent sale. Demand for good skins continues strong. Advises Company to maintain market only at London, as market on the continent would injure trade. London sales have increased greatly. Encloses marked catalog of the Hudson's Bay Company's sale of beaver and musquash. Reports supply of furs held by Hudson's Bay Company. Large quantities of nutria skins are in the market. Sales of fancy furs will occur in March; prospects are not favorable. Mink and bear skins are very dull. Re probable demands of exporters for continental trade. Comparative statement of stock of furs in London in 1834 and 1835. 3p. 193

Jan. 29 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Goods have arrived and will be forwarded to Chouteaus. Have noted insurance arrangements. lp. 194

Jan. 29 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
There is urgent necessity for immediate trial of Fox murderers to prevent Indian war which would ruin the hunt. lp. 195

Jan. 29 -- New York -- To John Mager, New Orleans  
Acknowledges receipt of bill of lading for skins, part of which are landed. L.B.O. 1:141 196



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Jan. 29 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Encloses bill of lading for hoop iron to be forwarded to St. Louis. Astors have retired from Company; new concern does not contemplate any change in business connections at New Orleans. L.B.C. 1:142 197

Jan. 30 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Are greatly pleased to be the Company's agents in London. Lampson will forward reports to Company as he has formerly done for Halsey & Co. Goods will be shipped. 3p. 198

Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester

May be able to give Crafts & Stell an order for goods next season. Company is especially interested in the blanket market. L.B.C. 1:143 199

Jan. 31 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Gives details of accounts with the Western Outfit. Crooks has settled personal account with Pratte. The demand for American hatters' furs has materially improved of late. Gives details of sales of beaver at advanced prices. Gives prices for rats; the demand for deer skins continues; bears are hardly worth anything. L.B.C. 1:144-145 200

Jan. 31 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss

Re order of agate beads of 1833 not yet delivered; desire Crooks to purchase these. Have large stock of all kinds of beads on hand. 2p. 201

Feb. 2 -- New York -- To Luther Marsh, Geddes

Has already contracted for salt. L.B.C. 1:146 202

Feb. 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., Philadelphia

Re order for tea. Desires instructions about insuring goods ordered from Geisse & Co. Geisse firm thinks Company should take the beads ordered by Mackenzie. Details of kinds of shawls in market. It is reported from DuPonts that high rates are asked by wagoners for freight to Pittsburgh; rates will not be cheaper till canals of Pennsylvania are open. Requests Pratte to give DuPonts instructions in the matter. L.B.C. 1:147-148 203

Feb. 4 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia

Advises firm to see Pratte in the matter of beads ordered by Mackenzie in 1833. Thinks this kind of bead is no longer saleable. Requests sample of goods used in Company's trade. L.B.C. 1:149 204

Feb. 5 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman

Will order Trowbridge to draw on Company for the amount of shares he is to buy in Michigan bank for Dousman. 1p. 205

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- Feb. 5 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Account with upper Mississippi outfit in favor of Western outfit. Re omission from inventory. Train has gone to St. Peters for Bailly outfit. 1p. 206
- Feb. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Bernard P. Ratte  
Encloses bill for glass beads forwarded to Pittsburg. Has made no change in orders for delivery of powder. Wishes to know if Astor has sold his beaver. 2p. 207
- Feb. 6 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Wish to secure a supply of robes at the lowest rate; ask for 100 bales of good skins. 1p. 208
- Feb. 6 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Will conform strictly to directions in filling order for goods. 1p. 209
- Feb. 7 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Giving objections to entering accounts with Abbott and with the Company on his books. Discusses commission charged on goods bought in New York. Stanard expects to arrange, if he can, to command the new vessel of the Company. States terms of bargain in flour at Milwaukee and Mackinaw. 4p. 210
- Feb. 7 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Hopes socks have arrived in New York. 1p. 211
- Feb. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Fisher Brothers & Co.  
Give details of adjusting charges on goods. 1p. 212
- Feb. 8 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe  
Has received provisions sent by Brewster. Is an exceedingly bad winter. Indians are living on fish; have not hunted during the winter. The same is true of A. Grignon's Indians. The Chippewas hunted on Winnebago grounds. Provisions have been distributed to Grignon's outfit and to deserving Indians. Gives details of purchase and sale of cranberries at a loss of \$400. Complains of injustice to Winnebagoes at annuity payments. Says Gov. Cass is never a friend of old citizens, because they do not take part in politics. Sends a list of employees of the outfit. Complains about the traders. 8p. 213
- Feb. 9 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Gives details relative to Rolette's and Dousman's orders. Is gratified that Sibley and Bailly are on good terms. Wishes to know whether Bailly's offer to sell out has been accepted. Delivery of goods may be late, due to late arrival of order. The War Department has assured the Company that in the future all annuity payments will be made early in September. The market for muskrats is slightly improved. L.B.C. 1:150 214

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- Feb. 9 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Halsey & Co. will make settlement with Troy & Erie line.  
Considers agreement which Brewster made with Messrs. Williams  
about fishing is defective in not mentioning freight charges on  
goods furnished by the Company. Requests Brewster to give this  
point attention. Offers advice about the "Bridget" case. Sug-  
gests that a steamboat be procured to send carpenters' goods to  
Lake Superior. Has engaged Capt. Stanard at \$600 per annum for  
5 years. Gives directions for ordering goods. Will send copy  
of act incorporating the Company as soon as it can be obtained  
from Albany. Fears that incorporation in Michigan might cause  
tax on capital stock, which would far outweigh every advantage.  
Describes offer for salt and fish barrels. L.B.C. 1:151-153 215
- Feb. 10 -- New York -- To Bernard Pratte, Philadelphia  
Re order for looking-glasses and directions for shipment.  
Requests Pratte to purchase certain kinds of pistols for the  
Company. L.B.C. 1:154 216
- Feb. 10 -- Boston -- From Gill & Wheelock  
Have forwarded case of goods at order of Bellows. lp. 217
- Feb. 10 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Have received order from Crooks. Comment on Crooks assum-  
ing management of the Company and his plan to order goods with-  
out any intermediate agent. Will keep the Company advised  
about the market for cloth and blankets. Low woolens are now  
cheap. 2p. 218
- Feb. 10 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Mayrand has promised to pay debt. Discuss available coop-  
ers. 2p. 219
- Feb. 10 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman Warren  
Cannot give much information on Fishery resources of re-  
gion. Trout and white fish are found. Re preparation of nets  
and barrels. Has not sufficient information yet about whiskey  
trade. Fall hunts have been very poor. Gives details of  
building plans. Has contracted to furnish supplies for Rev.  
Hall's mission station. Re inferior guns. Describes affairs  
at the Ance. Borup will superintend the Ance temporarily. 6p. 220
- Feb. 10 -- New York -- From Alexander Watson  
Requests funds. lp. 221
- Feb. 11 -- New York -- To Bernard Pratte, Philadelphia  
Cannot find cast steel axes of Kentucky pattern in New  
York. Astor reports that 5000 of Pratte's beaver remain unsold.  
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- Feb. 11 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Re Gen. Pratte's illness. Enclose bill for goods shipped to Pittsburgh. Give details of quantity and prices of beads. lp. 223
- Feb. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Bernard Pratte  
Describes goods purchased which will be forwarded via Pittsburgh. Is investigating axes. lp. 224
- Feb. 12 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallé, Washington  
Describes skins shipped by Menard & Valle. Will credit proceeds from sale of skins to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Annexes statement of skins sold. L.B.C. 1:156-157 225
- Feb. 12 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Has received order for robes. Prices and terms of payment are not yet fixed. L.B.C. 1:158 226
- Feb. 13 -- London -- From O. M. Lampson  
Annexes assortment and valuation of deer skins. Expects these skins to sell well. Gives details of the announcement of sale by Rows. Lampson desires to have a sale before Row. Discusses prices of beaver and musquash fixed by cutters. Expects further decline in beaver. Consignments to exporters sometimes are sent direct to the continent. 3p. 227
- Feb. 13 -- Detroit -- Cole & Porter to William Brewster  
Have examined charter party of schooner "Bridget" and law applying to the case. Any action for non-delivery of freight will present much difficulty. Have no doubt charter was violated on part of vessel. Discuss conditions for collecting damage. Expect Abbott will detain cargo at St. Marys in the spring and insist on receiving damages. State best course to be pursued. Enclose copy of agreement between James Abbott, managing owner of steamer "Bridget", and Brewster of the Company. Enclose Crooks's statement in the matter of the voyage of the "Bridget" to the Sault in 1834 and request for legal advice on the matter. (Detroit Department Papers) 3p. 228
- Feb. 13 -- Philadelphia -- From Bernard Pratte  
Describes kinds of pistols in stock in Philadelphia. Special kinds are made only to fill orders. lp. 229
- Feb. 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Gives order for certain iron works. Discusses corn prices of last year and this year. Attaches orders and accounts. 2p. 230
- Feb. 14 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to

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Feb. 14 -- New York -- To Bernard Pratte, Philadelphia

Re pistols ordered from Deringer. Has shipped all goods that could be obtained of Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s order. Domestic cotton goods are very scarce and dear in New York. There is a lack of blankets. Has selected wine with much care. Orders for robes are very heavy. L.B.C. 1:160-161

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Feb. 16 -- New York -- To Hon. William H. Ashley

Hopes Ashley will obtain reforms so much needed in the Indian Department. Doty will be in Washington; he possesses much information that will be exceedingly useful to Ashley. Gen. Street ought not to be reappointed as Indian agent at Prairie du Chien. The Secretary of War has list of charges preferred against Street by Dousman. L.B.C. 1:169

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Feb. 16 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay

Hopes provisions sent from Detroit helped in Lawe's trade. Regrets failure of the "Commodore" to complete voyage. Delay in paying Indians at Green Bay is incomprehensible; disposition of Indian agent at Green Bay toward the Company is equally unaccountable. The War Department has assured Crooks that hereafter annuities will be paid early in September. Discusses Abbott's report of funds received. Accounts for 1834 are not yet complete. Wishes explanation about large quantity of maple sugar in inventory. Warren has reported whiskey to be abundant at Lac du Flambeau. Crooks is determined to stop this practice; trade will be ruined by liquor. The skin market is dull. L.B.C. 1:170-172

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Feb. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Bernard Pratte

Has ordered pistols. Siter, Price & Co. have only a few blankets. The prices are high. Will inquire further about blankets. lp.

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Feb. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Bernard Pratte

Has purchased goods and will ship via Pittsburgh. Is unable to find satisfactory grade of blankets. lp.

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Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Roussain is willing to join the Company's service in Lake Superior. Is gratified that Warren thinks DuBay may be useful at the Ance. Fears competition in Lake Superior region. Is glad the missionaries do not meddle with the trade. Urges Warren to get more information on the liquor trade; fears that the Indians bring in liquor themselves. Re reduction in quantity of goods ordered. Company wishes to push the fishing business to its full extent. It is necessary to obtain all the information possible. Will endeavor to hire coopers in Canada. Describes the men and materials needed in building operations.

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Urges Warren to have all returns ready when the schooner arrives. Fears all the country from Green Bay northward is suffering from scarcity of provisions. Reports on the condition of the fur market. Enclosed in no. 246. L.B.C. 1:162-168 237

Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Bernard Pratte, Philadelphia  
Annexes copy of bill of blankets received from Fisher & Co. Fisher reports these blankets a sample to ascertain whether blankets made of Buenos Ayres wool would answer for Indian trade. L.B.C. 1:173 238

Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
DuPonts have forwarded powder to Pittsburgh. States expenses for hauling. L.B.C. 1:174 239

Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Bela Chapman  
Discusses accounts. Regrets lack of supplies due to blunder of schooner "Bridget". Was fortunate that Hudson's Bay Company would lend some corn and flour. Discusses efforts to secure the sutlership at Fort Brady for Chapman. Re plans to close post by Aug. 1. L.B.C. 1:175-177 240

Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Discusses the failure of the "Bridget" to reach the Sault. Has written Brewster to send a steamer with workmen, supplies and materials. It is necessary to construct a new vessel. Is grateful that Hudson's Bay Co. lent Chapman corn and flour; Brewster will send supplies to repay them. Has noted plan made with Holiday and Agnew in case boats have to be used to carry returns and supplies. Expects Jones to have schooner completed early. Gives details of workmen needed. Quarter Master General has refused to confirm arrangement with Hulbert about the sawmill. Re plans for building scow at the Sault. Roussain is building fishing boats for Lake Superior. Fears sutling at Fort Brady will be continued in Hulbert's hands. Regrets Holiday's serious eye trouble. Plans to employ Roussain at the Ance; will settle contract with Roussain next summer. Brewster has contracted for provisions needed next year. Wishes a complete memorandum of goods for trade at the Sault. Chapman ought to close his sales July 1. Advises getting information about good fishing points, and getting out barrel stuff. Hatters are using more muskrats but prices have not risen. Bears are still unsaleable. Advises Franchere to be careful in giving out any information at the Sault. Enclosed in no. 246. L.B.C. 1:178-187 241

Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Bernard Pratte, Philadelphia  
Wishes instructions about insuring goods. Bale of blankets from Fisher & Co. has arrived. L.B.C. 1:190 242

Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Discusses damage to shipment of tin plate, and regulations

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of insurance policies in regard to tin plate. Explains the arrangements with insurance companies. Have shipped part of the goods ordered. Powder has been sent to Pittsburgh. Powder for Rolette should be forwarded. L.B.C. 1:191-192 243

Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Describes goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. Discusses insurance arrangements as stated in marine policies. L.B.C. 1:193 244

Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Regrets delay in paying the Indians at Green Bay. Has taken the matter before the War Department; the Secretary promises that annuities shall be paid early in September. Re need for directions about traps and trap-springs. Discusses plans to have a Durham boat built at St. Marys. Discusses the prospects of trade and fishing at Mackinac. Advises that white fish be sent down to Brewster. Poor management by Capt. Ludlow of the "Bridget" has deprived Chapman and Franchere of supplies sorely needed. Plans to send building materials and supplies to St. Marys. Re plans about workmen. Directors have appointed Abbott agent for Mackinac. Sibley has made a tour of inspection of the posts on the Mississippi. Rats are selling at very low prices; bears are worth little; other furs will sell at fair prices at London spring sales. L.B.C. 1:194-197 245

Feb. 19 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses letters to be forwarded to Warren and Franchere. Discusses delivery of materials for Durham Boat. First vessel for Green Bay should take flour, corn and butter for Lawe. The Hudson's Bay Co. has furnished some flour and corn to Chapman. Brewster is to furnish adequate supplies to Chapman and Franchere. The Hudson's Bay Company must be repaid at the opening of navigation; Crooks would not for any consideration disappoint them. Considers that urgent need in Lake Superior region makes necessary the sending of supplies by steamboat. Urges that Company traders reach Indians before competitors arrive. Discusses building materials needed for the schooner. Annexes a memorandum of settlement with the old Company for the Detroit Department. Encloses nos. 38, 241 and 237. L.B.C. 1:198-201 246

Feb. 20 -- New York -- To William Aitken, Fort Snelling  
It has been reported that Aitken is having much trouble with the Indians and that the Indians have gone to Hudson's Bay Company for supplies. If British neighbors should cross the boundary for purposes of trade, Aitken shall seize them and their goods and bring all to Lapointe. Hopes that Hudson's Bay Company will not interfere with trade in U.S. territory. Urges that men should not be given credits. Has received details from Warren regarding the new building. Has great hopes for

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the fisheries at Lake Superior. Regrets that Bailly still gives credit and liquor to the Indians. Sibley will have entire charge at New Hope when Bailly retires in the spring. Will urge agent to discourage the Fort Snelling Indians from visiting St. Peters. Hudson's Bay Co. ships got home safe; returns of two years are now on London market. Discusses the prospects for sales. Hatters are using more muskrats. 'Re failure of schooner to reach the Sault last fall. Enclosed in no. 248. L.B.C. 1:202-205 247

Feb. 20 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Discusses appointment of a sutler for the fort on Des Moines river. Requisition for goods for the Western Outfit has arrived very late. Aitken complains about Bailly's practices with the Indians. Urges Sibley to use his influence to prevent Chippewas from trading at Fort Snelling. Each department should observe strictly the limits prescribed for its trade. Should avoid all retaliation and preserve harmony among all the traders. The fur market shows no alteration. Encloses no. 247. L.B.C. 1:206-208 248

Feb. 20 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Small traders are in the region. Indians are not hunting; no trade. Much credit has been given the Indians. The government is to have a meeting of the different Indian tribes at Rock River to make arrangements to move them West in the spring. Juneau wishes to attend the council to put in some Indian claims. Has written to Stuart for claims allowed by the Chicago treaty. 2p. (French) 249

Feb. 21 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Annexes a memorandum of particulars for marine insurance policies. Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Socks did not arrive in time for shipment. Discusses the purchase of certain goods. Is unable to procure shawls. Describes certain articles shipped. L.B.C. 1:209-210 250

Feb. 21 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Discusses the employment of man recommended by Vallée, Boyer & Co., and terms of agreement with him. Will need another workman. These men should be engaged in the individual name of Vallée, Boyer & Co. or of Crooks, as the Company is a corporation of the state of New York only. Wish coopers to take complete set of tools to lakes. L.B.C. 1:211-212 251

Feb. 21 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Has received socks and bills for the same. Will order additional socks later. L.B.C. 1:213 252

Feb. 21 -- New York -- To Jean Baptiste Mayrand, Prairie du Chien  
Mayrand's claim has been placed in the hands of Vallée,



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Boyer & Co. who report that Etienne Mayrand will pay the claim. Will place this money on interest. L.B.C. 1:214 253

Feb. 21 -- Black River -- From George Jones  
Weather is mild; vessels may go to Detroit soon. Thinks that he can build schooner in sixty days. 2p. 254

Feb. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Bernard Pratte  
Has ordered blankets from Fisher & Co. Has received pistols. 1p. 255

Feb. 22 -- Chicago -- From J. B. Beaubien  
Regrets that Crooks is dissatisfied with the results of the annuity sales. Suggests that the Company employ some one else. Gives details about the money used for certain purposes without Crooks's consent. Hunts are poor due to lack of snow. Discusses building of canal. Re goods on hand. [Much of this letter is illegible.] 3p. (French) 256

Feb. 23 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell  
Their firm has advantages in trade. Blankets have declined slightly but an advance is likely before June. 1p. 257

Feb. 23 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Re invoices. There is no change in the price of cloth and blankets. 1p. 258

Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for box to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 1:215 . 259

Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Fisher Brothers & Co., Liverpool  
Re payment at current rate of exchange for blankets. L.B.C. 1:216 260

Feb. 26 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Asks Crooks to arrange with Halsey & Co. for a certain amount received from Troy & Erie Line for an overcharge of transportation. Plans for getting the "Bridget" to St. Mary's in the spring. No requisitions for goods have yet been received from Mackinaw. Will have salt put in suitable barrels for packing fish. Report from Rix Robinson on the trade on Grand River has been received. There are errors in the Saginaw inventory; gives details of that, the Sault, and the Schiawassa inventories. Discusses what Abbott or Astor should pay the Company for freight on the "Savage". 3p. 261

Feb. 26 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses custom house certificates for casks of wine. L.B.C. 1:217 262

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Feb. 27 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
 Enclosed check to pay for shawls purchased by Pratte.  
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Feb. 27 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
 Has insured all goods forwarded to Pittsburgh for Pratte,  
 Chouteau & Co. Gives directions for guidance of captain of  
 boats in case of damage to any goods. Gives instructions that  
 powder for Menard & Valle belanded at Ste. Genevieve. L.B.C.  
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Feb. 27 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
 Gives details of the results of fur sale. The furs offered  
 at Rows's sale were of superior quality. Decline in prices due  
 to exporters supplying themselves in the American market. Con-  
 tinental buyers are arriving in London. 2p.

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Feb. 28 -- Ance Quivinan -- From Charles Borup  
 Writes an account of the trade at the Ance by Warren's or-  
 der. Discusses proceedings of Berthkeht. Has given Chaboillez  
 charge of the trade under his supervision. Hunts have been  
 poor. Chaboillez has material for over 100 barrels. Encloses  
 order list. 3p.

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Feb. 28 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Has insured all goods forwarded to Pittsburgh to be  
 shipped on keel boats to St. Louis, and has given Ronaud in-  
 structions for the commander of the boats. Explains invoices  
 and accounts. Hopes to forward the remainder of the goods  
 soon. L.B.C. 1:221-222

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Feb. 28 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
 Is pleased that goods can be obtained at lower prices.  
 Discusses the goods ordered. Encloses bill of exchange on  
 Wildes & Co., London. L.B.C. 1:223

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Feb. 28 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
 Requests that certain chest be delivered and that the Com-  
 pany be debited for all charges. The Company is about to build  
 a schooner on Lake Superior. Knowledge of that lake is very  
 imperfect; maps are not compiled from actual surveys. British  
 government has fully and scientifically explored Lake Superior  
 and chart has been made. Company desires a copy of this chart  
 and chart of Lake Huron. Prospects for furs in the west are  
 fair. L.B.C. 1:224-225

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Feb. 28 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
 Milwaukee now has mail weekly. Will exchange rats for  
 deer skins if possible. Indians are going North in the spring.  
 Has much competition; hopes to get 100 packs from the spring  
 hunts. Gives details of advancing money to buyers. Competi-

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tion will be sharp if the Indians remain another year. Has heard that treaty was ratified by the council. Discussion of competitors for furs. 3p. (French) 270

Feb. 28 -- Fort Snelling -- From Henry H. Sibley

Defers inspection of the upper posts of the Department on advice of Rolette and Dousman. Buffalo are not plenty. If the price is advanced, thinks that the Indians would dress more buffalo for the trade. Will turn the Indians to more profitable furs than muskrats. Discusses Gov. Cass's refusal of his application for the sutlership of the post on Des Moines River. Thinks a permanent post may be established later; The Company must get the sutlership. Advises Company to urge the passing of a law or War Department regulation forbidding sutlers to engage in Indian trade; Company could then deal successfully with any competition. Will follow instructions about policy with government officials. Dousman has gone to Galena for lead. 3p. 271

Feb. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Have received check in payment of account. 1p. 272

Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Approves decision of Rolette and Sibley to buy out Bailly. Is gratified that trading relations with Pratte, Chouteau & Co. are cleared up. Gives instructions about drafts and funds. Northern Outfit will be instructed to deal with the Western Outfit and not with opponents at Fort Snelling. Regrets that Sibley could not complete his tour of his posts, as the object was very desirable. The abundance of buffalo and not the cheapness of goods may have attracted some St. Peter's Indians to the Missouri. St. Louis firm is not likely to sell very cheap when they have no opposition. The Company does not credit Bailly's charge of unfriendly feelings on the part of Major Taliaferro toward Company, and have no anticipation of trouble between Taliaferro and Sibley. Is pleased that the War Department will prevent sutlers from selling spirituous liquors. L.B.O. 1:226-228 273

Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Montelius & Fuller, Philadelphia

Encloses a note in payment of goods purchased by Bernard Pratte. L.B.O. 1:229 274

Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Price, Newlin & Co., Philadelphia

Encloses a note in payment of goods purchased by Bernard Pratte. L.B.O. 1:230 275

Mar. 3 -- St. Marys -- From Bela Chapman

Encloses an order for goods for outfit for 1835. Has made out order agreeable to the wishes of Franchere, his successor. Discusses the appointment of a sutler at St. Marys. 2p. 276

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Mar. 3 -- Greenock -- From Colin Lamont

Tells of shipment of materials for his brother, to be forwarded to New Orleans. Expects his brother to arrive from Buenos Aires. 1p. 277

Mar. 4 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

The new vessel will be finished in time for business on the lake. The fur season is dull. Timber has been cut for two storehouses. It is difficult to get timber for masts hauled from the woods. Sends an order for goods. 100,000 acres of land on Isle St. Joseph has been sold by Great Britain to two speculators and 100 families will settle there in the spring, which will hinder Indian trade there. 2p. 278

Mar. 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Montelius & Fuller

Acknowledge receipt of note. 1p. 279

Mar. 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Price, Newlin & Co.

Have received note in payment of purchase made by Bernard Pratte. 1p. 280

Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Hon. Lewis Cass, Washington

Has reliable information that Menomonees, Winnebagoes, and Sioux will make war upon the Sacs and Foxes, if the trial of three Fox Indians now imprisoned at Prairie du Chien is postponed until the regular term of court next October. Urges that these Indians be tried with the least possible delay, in order to preserve peace. Enclosed in no. 282. L.B.C. 1:231 281

Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Gen. Charles Gratiot, Washington

Wishes to be informed of any steps that the government may take in the matter of Cass's letter. Indian war will ruin the trade from the Missouri to the Mississippi and from the Falls of St. Anthony to Des Moines river. Requests Gratiot to see Gen. Jessup about the lease of saw-mills at the Sault. The Company would like to have mill in order to give employment to Chapman. Wishes to know if there is any intention of building a new fort on Des Moines river, and what disposition has been made of suttlng at Fort Brady. Desires copies of the list furnished to Congress of all persons employed in the Indian Department. Encloses no. 281. L.B.C. 1:232-233 282

Mar. 5 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman

Sends supply order. Re failure to get sutlership of Des Moines post. There are defects in the guns received. Enclosed in no. 284. 3p. 283

Mar. 5 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette

Asks price to charge Kentucky hatter for skins. There has been no hunt at Fort Winnebago. There is sale at Rock River of blankets for rats. Encloses no. 283. 3p. 284

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Mar. 5 -- Dayton -- From David Stone

Describes robes allowed by the Company. Desires to renew the conveyance of his interest in Wabash land. lp. 285

Mar. 6 -- Mackinac -- From Michael Dousman

Discusses bringing the families of employees to Mackinac. lp. 286

Mar. 6 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry (per J. Henry)

Has shipped 80 rifles via Perth Amboy. Desires draft on Easton bank for entire bill. lp. 287

Mar. 6 -- New York -- To William Aitken, Sandy Lake

Does not approve of Aitken's trip to St. Peter's, as there was no need of it. Requests particularly that no one connected with the Company have any intercourse with competitors. Does not expect Aitken to need supplies from St. Peter's. Too many persons are employed in Company trade; expenses must be reduced. Best men should be engaged for five years. Discusses plans to be pursued by Aitken. Wishes draft from Simpson to be forwarded at once. Conduct of Hudson's Bay Company toward the Company has been most praiseworthy, especially in refusing at Rainy Lake to trade with discontented Indians from Red Lake and Little Winnapic. Crooks desires to lose no opportunity to reciprocate this friendly course. Hopes of fisheries on Lake Superior are strong as ever. Must consult Gov. Simpson about exploring the British side of the lake. Have ordered thread and net materials, and will send up 2 good coopers. Muskrats in immense quantity are on hand and will sell low, but their cheapness must bring them into more general use. Gives directions for dealing with non-licensed traders. Will write to the agent at St. Peter's and to Schoolcraft in the matter of traders. Gives details of accounts of individuals in Aitken's department with the Company. Advises Aitken to send some workmen to Lapointe to assist with buildings. Aitken's general management of the department is satisfactory. L.B.C. 1:234-238. 288

Mar. 6 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling

Will secure copy of laws of the U.S. relative to Indian trade, if practicable. Gives details of accounts from the old Company. Hudson's Bay Co. has acted in most praiseworthy manner toward the Company. Requests Sibley to afford every facility to Hudson's Bay Co. expresses and to give them any assistance needed. Has directed Aitken to get supplies exclusively from Sibley. Advises that Taliaferro be informed of traders who go beyond the limit of their licenses. L.B.C. 1:239-240. 289

Mar. 6 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Discusses accounts with Brewster. The commission charged

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by Halsey & Co. for purchase of goods was proper. Approves of Brewster's flour contract for Mackinac and Milwaukee. Will send an iron safe Has sent order for English goods to Gott & Sons. Discusses counsel's opinion of Company's case against the "Bridget." Brewster may settle the case in the manner most satisfactory. Stanard has signed agreement with the Company. Encloses copy of the general settlement with Astor and statement of all property received from the old Company. Fond du Lac Indians were disposed to resist new trading regulations; some of Red Lake and Little Winnapic Indians went off with their fall hunts to Rainy Lake, but Hudson's Bay Co. refused to trade. Prospects for returns from Western and Northern Outfits are good; Green Bay will be poor due to late payment of annuities. Franchise should be notified promptly of any opposition in St. Louis region. Annexes an extract from the minutes of the Board of Directors in regard to Brewster's appointment as agent at Detroit and a list of the stockholders of the Company. L.B.C. 1:241-45 290

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Has urged the War Department to give special trial to the Fox Indians. Doty is going to Washington and will discuss the matter with Cass. Hudson's Bay Co. has acted in a most friendly manner toward the Company and Crooks wishes to reciprocate the action. Directs that Hudson's Bay Company expresses be given any assistance needed. L.B.C. 1:246 291

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Pratte, Choiteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has large orders for buffalo robes; the short crop of last season disappointed many dealers. Describes plans for selling the robes and gives prices. Gives directions for packing and shipping. Suggests that Merle & Co. be urged to forward the robes promptly. L.B.C. 1:247-248 292

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Hon. James D. Doty, Present  
Annexes a copy of letter sent to Gov. Cass on March 5. The prospect of an Indian war is of great moment to the border settlers and to the Company. Requests Doty to use his influence with the Secretary of War in the case of the Fox Indians. Desires Doty to discuss with Cass the importance of the early payment of annuities. Menominees and Winnebagoes will make little or no hunts this season, and some are likely to die of hunger. L.B.C. 1:249 293

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Black River, Ohio  
Discusses prospects for building a schooner. Capt. Stanard is to sail the new vessel; Stanard is well acquainted with navigation on Lake Huron. Advises that Stanard accompany Jones and his workmen from Detroit to St. Marys. L.B.C. 1:250-251 294

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Capt. Charles C. Stanard, Buffalo  
Gives directions for Stanard to proceed to Detroit. Plans

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to send up materials by steamboat. Brewster is informed that Stanard is engaged. Has advised Brewster to employ Capt. Shook as mate. L.B.C. 1:252 295

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Brewster is to inform Stanard about the plans for going to the Sault. Discusses the crew needed for the new schooner. L.B.C. 1:253 296

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay

Is grieved at the wretched condition of the Indians caused by the culpable conduct of the government in delaying the payment of their annuities. Will urge the government to reconsider the time set for payment. Indians should not be given goods on credits, as the loss is likely to be great. Cannot afford to feed and clothe Indians for nothing. Advise that chiefs be persuaded to ask for payment in money and not in goods. Urges Lawe to watch every movement closely. Specie obtained at the annuities is to be sent to Abbott. Is having difficulties with the fishery. Advises that Doty be asked to take up the matter of the mill and saw logs with Gen. Jackson. L.B.C. 1:254-256 297

Mar. 8 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Will send materials for building the "Durham" and fishing boats to Sault, if a carpenter can go there. Describes the activities of the boat builder, Rousseau. Requires ball, bags and biscuit. Wishes accounts with employees to be sent. Advises that boats be built at Mackinac if "General Warren" arrives early. Dousman is going into the baking business with the mission baker. 4p. 298

Mar. 9 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie

Describes discontent of the Indians of Red Lake and Little Winnapic, and their futile efforts to trade with Hudson's Bay Co. at Rainy Lake. Crooks appreciates the liberal course pursued by Hudson's Bay Co; the Company should show towards them a spirit of equal liberality. Had Hudson's Bay Co. encouraged the Chippewas, the consequence might have been disastrous to the Company's trade and to the safety of traders and their property. Aitken seems to be carrying out the recommendation of Crooks. Plans to have carpenters, timber, etc. taken up from Detroit by steamer. Stanard is employed to command the new vessel. The appearance of any opposition should be promptly defeated. If the Company can obtain the sawmill at the Sault, Chapman may have it without profit. L.B.C. 1:257-259 299

Mar. 10 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Will forward goods to St. Louis as soon as possible. Hope to avoid the expense of storage. Have observed that Messrs.

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Astor have retired from the Company. lp.

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Mar. 10 -- Grand River -- From Rix Robinson

Gives current prices of peltries. Deer hunt has been very bad; good martin year. Campian [?] says he will not quit the Indian trade. Biddle & Drew have placed house at White River. Rev. Ferry [?] and family arrived at the mouth of White River last fall. In 1834 Robinson sold part of his rights in lands to Mr. Stuart. Annexes memorandum of tinware, crockery, traps, etc. Will want about the same amount of country produce as last year. Tinware should be of the cheapest kind. Fifty barrels of salt should be sent. 3p.

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Mar. 11 -- Washington -- From Lewis Cass (private)

The law authorizing the President to provide a court for trial of offenses committed in the Indian country was repealed at the last session of Congress. lp.

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Mar. 11 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Hudson's Bay Co.'s otters sold at good prices. Believes that first grade skins were likely bought for Astor. Martins have sold well but minks were very low. The sale was more successful than had been expected. lp.

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Mar. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co. (per Wm. Renshaw)

Has received the invoice of hoop iron. Encloses packing accounts for the furs shipped. 2p.

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Mar. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Price Newlin & Co.

Inquire for the name of Gen. Pratte's commission agents in New Orleans. lp.

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Mar. 12 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia

Re accounts and order for bead bags, glasses and mitts. Has received bundle of samples and price list. Pratte will not do anything about fancy beads ordered by Mackenzie, till Mackenzie returns from Europe. L.B.O. 1:260

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Mar. 13 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows

Proposed plan of payment is satisfactory. Re order for additional robes. lp.

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Mar. 13 -- New York -- To Price, Newlin & Co., Philadelphia

Directs that goods for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. be consigned to Merle & Co., New Orleans. L.B.O. 1:261

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Mar. 13 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss

Have forwarded articles ordered by Crooks. Remarks about the fancy beads. lp.

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- Mar. 14 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Chaboillez and Berthkeht are disputing at Ance over the question of authority there. Berthkeht has sold liquor to the Indians. Sends order for Lapointe. 3p. 310
- Mar. 14 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Encloses full particulars of Hudson's Bay Co. sale. Expects the Company's raccoons to sell well. Wildes & Co. will forward a copy of the account of the sales. Deer skins are not likely to be in demand for two months. 2p. 311
- Mar. 14 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Enclose an account of the sales of deer skins. Prices are low. Lampson will give the particulars of Hudson's Bay Co. sale. A large number of buyers are attending the sales. 1p. 312
- Mar. 16 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Discusses discrepancies in the accounts from the old Company. Requests Brewster to go over the Saginaw inventory carefully and get detailed information from Messrs. Williams and Jas. Abbott. Jas. Abbott's accounts are inaccurate. Gives details of the agreement about the Saginaw trade between the old Company and Messrs. Williams. Desires particular attention to items of debts against whites. Gives details of account of the Detroit Department with the Company. Will accept. J. Abbott's plan to deliver goods on the "Bridget". Thinks that Brewster's suspicions of Stuart are unfounded, as Stuart and Jas. Abbott do not like each other well enough to have any dealings in common. Regrets that Robinson's prospects are not promising in the Grand River country. Reports from western posts continue favorable. The price of muskrats does not improve but sales increase. L.B.C. 1:262-265 313
- Mar. 16 -- New York -- To Charles C. Stanard, Buffalo  
Brewster has given up sending steamer to St. Marys. Stanard need not hasten to Detroit; should engage necessary seamen etc. L.B.C. 1:266 314
- Mar. 16 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Will send additional order for socks as soon as possible. Will comply with order for more robes if possible. L.B.C. 1:267 315
- Mar. 18 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Gives details of financial arrangements with Robert Stuart. Prospects are good for the spring hunt, on account of the treaty being ratified. Indian payment will be made at Chicago in August or September, and three-fourths of Indians will cross the Mississippi immediately afterwards, so Juneau has learned from Officers. 1p. (French) 316

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- Mar. 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Re shipping certain articles to Law and to St. Marys.  
Sends memorandum of goods for the Saginaw trade. There is no  
need for Crooks to send window glass from New York. lp. 317
- Mar. 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Raccoons at Rows's sale sold high. Gives prices for different  
varieties of raccoon, and for other furs. lp. 318
- Mar. 19 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Boats have started for St. Louis. All powder is on large  
boat and goods on small boat. lp. 319
- Mar. 20 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry  
Explains delay of rifles at Perth Amboy. lp. 320
- Mar. 20 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Encloses marked catalog of Rows's sale. Discusses prices.  
Lampson's sale will occur on Mar. 23. lp. 321
- Mar. 20 -- New Orleans -- Merle & Co. to Credit  
Have had to store goods directed to St. Louis, due to lack  
of boats. Annex a statement of expenses on deerskins and furs  
received from St. Louis and forwarded to New York. 3p. 322
- Mar. 20 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Rats are in demand again. Sends an order for blankets.  
Fox murderers should be tried to prevent war. lp. 323
- Mar. 21 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Re freight bill for 1832 that has not been paid; ask for  
instructions in the matter. Desire to continue as agent for  
the Company. lp. 324
- Mar. 21 -- Grand River -- From Rix Robinson  
Zinas G. Winsor plans to start a small store at Grand  
river Rapids. Re Winsor's terms. Recommends Winsor as a capable  
employee of the Company. Robinson will take expense for  
goods for Winsor on his private account with the Company. 2p. 325
- Mar. 21 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading and custom house certificates for  
goods shipped. Goods should be forwarded to Rolette. L.B.C.  
1:268 326
- Mar. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Has received marked catalog and valuable communication  
from Lampson. Will correspond exclusively with Lampson about  
furs and skins. Reports from the interior continue satisfactory.  
L.B.C. 1:269 327

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Mar. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

The Company is gratified with the deer skin sale. The Company will have control of all fine deer skins that formerly passed thru Astor's hands. Crooks desires to ship all to Lampson; sending part to continent will only distract the buyers and make London market unsteady. Thinks that Astor will abandon the skin trade entirely, tho he is still at liberty to purchase along the seaboard. Wishes Lampson's opinion regarding the shipping of skins. Discusses Hudson's Bay Co.'s beaver sale, and the prospects for future sales. Requests Lampson's advice on prices to be paid in the interior. L.B.C. 1:270-271  
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Mar. 24 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works

Is disappointed because the rifles have not arrived. Other goods have been shipped. Wishes information about these rifles. L.B.C. 1:272  
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Mar. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Introduce H. Oates, Jr. of the house of Henry Oates of Leeds. Request the Company to aid Oates in securing contract for woolen cloth and blankets. 1p. (French)  
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Mar. 24 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Give details of the hiring of coopers. Wish advice about shipping fox skins to New York. 2p.  
331

Mar. 25 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

The sale has resulted favorably and all furs have been sold except the bears. Discusses prices received for the various furs. 1p.  
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Mar. 25 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works

Has received the rifles. Encloses check in payment. Will probably need additional rifles. L.B.C. 1:273  
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Mar. 26 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman

Describes the disgraceful treatment of the Indians by the government. Asks a new Indian agent, since the present one is under the power of blacksmith who is allowed to do anything he pleases. 1p.  
334

Mar. 27 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry (per J. Henry)

Can make Lancaster pattern rifles at \$9.50, six months credit. Gives suggestions about the locks to be used. 1p.  
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Mar. 27 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau

Has ordered wheat, corn, and corn flour for the Indian trade. Navigation is open. The Winnebagoes have gone to the upper part of Rock river. There is a large white immigration. Trade with the whites will be as good as with the Indians.

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Many land speculators have come; details of property prices. List of goods desired: pork, butter, cheese, lard, wines, whiskey, brandy, gin, tea, coffee, rice, raisins, lamp oil, white fish, pepper, nails, pad locks, lump sugar, putty, axes, scythes white lead, figs, cinnamon, allspice, cloves, almonds, door latches, shovels, spades, hammers, needles of all sizes and kinds, thread, sewing silk, linseed oil, rum, mackerel, and codfish. 3p. (French) 336

Mar. 27 -- London -- From O. M. Lampson

Encloses marked catalog of the fur sale. Describes the skins sold. Rows's furs are held above their value. Exporters report that the prospects for raccoons at the Fair are not favorable. States the kinds of skins likely to sell best in the autumn. Skins for Russian market are in good demand. 2p. 337

Mar. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Aeneas Mackay

Is sending sample rifles made in Philadelphia, to Crooks for examination. 2p. 338

Mar. 27 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallé, Ste. Genevieve

Gives an account of the sales of skins for Menard & Vallé. Has credited the proceeds to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Deer skins were badly damaged. Will dispose of bear skins as early as possible. Desires instructions about insurance. Damages can more easily be collected when insurance is obtained in New York. L.B.C. 1:274-275 339

Mar. 28 -- Chicago -- From J. B. Beaubien

Presumes his post will not be abandoned. Offers the Company \$300 for the old house. The other fortifications are of little value. 1p. (French) 340

Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Encloses bill of lading for shipment of goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. Directs that they purchase mosquito netting for Rolette. L.B.C. 1:276 341

Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Astor has paid draft sent by Dousman. L.B.C. 1:277 342

Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling

Gives details of reports received of London sales of beaver, muskrats and deer. Discusses muskrats in the London market. Does not expect that deer skins will decline; hopes that Sibley will have a large collection. Stock of Hudson's Bay Co. is large, but expects fair prices at the spring sales. Re shipment of Sibley's private order. L.B.C. 1:278-279 343

Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Must have more information regarding the account with the

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old Company, in order to secure payment from Astor and Stuart. Cass advises that the law authorizing the President to direct a court to be held for the trial of offenders in the Indian country no longer exists. Urges that Judge Irwin be informed of the dangerous situation and need to bring prisoners to justice as soon as possible. Encloses invoices for goods for the Western Outfit. Will send the rifles soon. Discusses the difficulty of procuring certain goods on the memorandum. Indian calicoes are only made to order. Satinets are exceedingly high. Will give attention to the remaining orders. Reports on London sales. L.B.C. 1:280, 280 1/2, 281 344

Mar. 28 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Send a statement of goods forwarded by order of Chouteaus. Have not been able to secure space on St. Louis boats for Chouteau's goods. 1p. 345

Mar. 28 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading on goods forwarded. 1p. 346

Mar. 28 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Annex invoices. Expect returns daily from the Mississippi and the Missouri; will forward them at once. Will examine the consignment of goods from Fisher & Co. immediately. Discuss supply of robes from 1828 to 1834; average is 25375. Firm now has three lines of competition. 2p. (French) 347

Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee

Regrets that the whites, regardless of the stipulations in treaties between the government and the Indians, have already begun making farms in Juneau's region. Fears that no redress can be secured. Will try to obtain definite information of the intention of the government to have general meeting of Indians next summer. Juneau is credited with payment made by Stuart. Gives directions for obtaining funds to pay his men. Brewster had arranged to deliver provisions at Milwaukee. Requests a report of the spring trade. The fur market shows no change. L.B.C. 1:282-283 348

Mar. 31 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Will forward a copy of the Company's charter. Desires to have the whole Sagina affair settled with the old Company, before Robert Stuart leaves New York. Re funds needed by Juneau at the close of the season. Juneau reports that the arrival of many white settlers north of Chicago has discouraged the Indians; they make no effort to hunt. Returns from Milwaukee are not likely to be profitable. Discusses the effect of Hudson's Bay Sale on musquash market. Advises that few muskrats be bought. Gives details of Lamson's deer skin sale. L.B.C. 1:284-286 349

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Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Has arranged insurance for all property Pratte, Chouteau & Co. may ship this year. Gives directions for stowing skins and robes between decks, and that shipments be made on packet boats. Wishes to be advised by mail of every shipment made.  
L.B.O. 1:287-288 350

Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Re goods forwarded, both domestic and foreign. Parts of the orders have not been filled. Has arranged insurance under open policy on all property Pratte, Chouteau & Co. may ship this season via New Orleans. Re instructions given Merle & Co. about shipping. Re shipments for the Western Outfit to be forwarded from St. Louis. L.B.O. 1:289-290 351

Apr. 1 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works

Describes the kind of rifles wanted and the market prices.  
L.B.O. 1:292 352

Apr. 1 -- New York -- To J. B. Beaubien, Chicago

Wishes a complete inventory of everything on hand, including the exact quantities and prices. Is highly displeased that Beaubien has used the Company's money for private purposes. Names prices that may be offered for skins. Gives instructions to be followed in selling blankets, cloths, etc. All accounts must be paid before the time of closing the annual business.  
L.B.O. 1:293-295 353

Apr. 1 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Directs that coopers be sent to the lakes with Capt. McCargo and Mr. Barbeau. Re prices for red and cross fox skins. The Company will not buy red fox at present. L.B.O. 1:296 354

Apr. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Gives details of draft received and draft remitted. lp.  
(French) 355

Apr. 3 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present

Annexes memorandum for powder. May need additional quantity later. States terms of payment. L.B.O. 1:296 1/2 356

Apr. 3 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry

Re proposals for filling order for rifles. lp. 357

Apr. 3 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Will ship nails when the canal opens. Prefers that a member of Williams firm will come to New York to purchase goods; order must be very explicit if the Company is to make purchases. Brewster's order for hardware is indefinite. Has given Juneau authorization to draw on Brewster. Juneau reports that three-fourths of the Indians are expected to cross the Mississippi.

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immediately after payment of their annuities in August or September. If this occurs, Juneau will need less provisions. Requests Brewster to obtain additional information on this matter. Discusses the condition of the fur market. Crooks sees no possible use in Brewster's fighting for skins that leave no compensation. Astor is selling his rats at serious loss. Has shipped domestic goods for Pratte, Chouteau & Co., and for the Western Outfit. Hopes that the "Bridget" is now on way to the Sault with Jones. L.B.C. 1:297-299 358

Apr. 4 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Wish advice about the payment of a certain draft. 1p. 359

Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchère, St. Marys  
Discusses plans to send carpenters and materials from Detroit to the Sault. Hopes the schooner can be launched by July 1. Vallée, Boyer & Co. have secured coopers. Wishes advice about renewing Ashmun's connection with the Company; wishes to employ only the most efficient men. Franchère should keep the Company fully informed of all affairs at the Sault. Difficulty with France will be adjusted without appeal to the sword. L.B.C. 1:300-301 360

Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Samuel Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie  
Will not be able to determine about any arrangement with Ashman, until Crooks reaches the Lake region. L.B.C. 1:302 361

Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 1:303 362

Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Gives detailed report of the London sales, especially of rats. Consumers in New York have only moderate supply of muskrats on hand, but Astor's stock is not short of 750,000 and Hudson's Bay Co. have the whole of the York Fort collection of 1834 which they did not send to London. Fears further reduction in price. True condition of the muskrat market is not yet generally known. Advises Rolette to sell as many muskrats as possible. Bears are also bad article. Good deer skins will be in demand. L.B.C. 1:304-305 363

Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re amount of invoices. Expects French blankets and English goods soon. Astor is holding the remainder of his beaver. The supply of muskrats is too large to admit of any improvement in prices. Deer skins will sell well; bears are worse than ever. L.B.C. 1:306 364

Apr. 5 -- New York -- To Joseph Cox & Sons, Baltimore  
Requests payment of note which has been protested. L.B.C.

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Apr. 6 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Explains certain details of Brewster's account. Re errors in the Saginaw inventory and Abbott's reply concerning down-freight charges for the "Savage" last fall. There is a scarcity of corn. States the terms of an offer of salt from A. Williams of Salina Onondaga Co., New York and offers suggestions as to its place and mode of delivery. 3p. 366

Apr. 6 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot

No general peace will be made by the agency of the government this summer between the Indians of the Northwest, so the Secretary of War says. 1p. 367

Apr. 6 -- New York -- John Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit

Gives directions for supplying garden seeds for Abbott. L.B.C. 1:307 368

Apr. 6 -- New York -- From John Whetten

Has received London and Liverpool letters and invoices. Hopes to have goods in the store before Crooks's return. Re Lampson's report on the market for deer skins, beaver, and muskrats. L.B.C. 1:308 369

Apr. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Fisher Brothers & Co.

Give details of the balance of accounts. 1p. 370

Apr. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Remit packing account for deer skins. Will forward parcels of arrows from Osages. Re enclosed drafts. 1p. (French) 371

Apr. 8 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Have forwarded all the goods received for Chouteaus. Freight rates are very high and the quantity of freight heavy. 1p. 372

Apr. 9 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

States prospects for returns from the Outfits. Warren's building is progressing. Gives directions about trap springs; discusses the cost of traps. Blacksmiths have accomplished much. John Campbell will build Warren's chimneys. Will send Bellair and Rousseau to Sault. Is glad that the Indian trouble near the Mississippi will not affect the hunts. Fears Biddle and Drew will cause the Company losses. Navigation is open; expects vessels from Detroit and Michigan. Franchere has not traded much with the Indians; has timber for houses and stores. 3p. 373

Apr. 9 -- Baltimore -- To John Whetten

The prices of certain furs will be lower, because of the



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reductions made by London cutters. Went to War office in Washington. Is leaving for Philadelphia. Will see him Saturday, unless he sees Henry first about the rifles. Cox liked the furs bought of Center and may send for some of the Company's. Had seen Pearson and Rogers -- latter expects to come to New York to buy stock soon. Halter's business is brisk. Bay muskrats will be less abundant. lp. 374

Apr. 10 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Re invoices. Have received \$1500 from the Company. Demands for woolens is more active than in 1834. lp. 375

Apr. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose packing accounts for deer skins just shipped. Will forward some furs soon. Gives detailed directions about accounts with Davenport. lp. (French) 376

Apr. 13 -- Detroit -- From George Jones  
Remarks about beginning work on the schooner. lp. 377

Apr. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose packing account of furs forwarded. Have been disappointed in certain returns. The river has been so low that barge could not meet steamboat at the mouth of the river. Re error in packing account. lp. (French) 378

Apr. 14 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Have learned from Admiralty office that Lake Superior has been surveyed but no chart has or is likely to be published. Re invoices. 2p. 379

Apr. 15 -- From William Brewster  
Suggests the matter of the Saginaw treaty be arranged during Crooks's stay in Detroit. The "Bridget" left yesterday for Sault. Jones went up with 16 men and will finish work in good time. Stanard went up on the "Bridget". Refers to G. Hubbard for information concerning the value of the Company's house at Chicago. 2p. 380

Apr. 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Lampson's sales have exceeded Crooks's expectations. Hopes that low prices will increase consumption, so as to clear the market for the next crop. Is preparing shipments of deer skins. L.B.C. 1:309 381

Apr. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Is satisfied with the care given to the sale of the Company's deer skins, and hopes to send another lot soon. Has received goods in good order. L.B.C. 1:310 382

Apr. 15 -- New York -- To Crary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool  
Has received bills of lading, invoices, and charges on

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shipment. Is gratified with shipping arrangements of recent orders. L.B.C. 1:311 383

Apr. 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Is pleased that some moderation has taken place in the prices. Has not been able to examine the goods just received. Desires to make remittances promptly. L.B.C. 1:312 384

Apr. 16 -- New York -- To Rix Robinson, Grand River  
Is opposed to undertaking trade with the whites except incidentally. Discusses Winsor's efforts to procure a supply of goods in his own individual name. Winsor should have capital; merchants require more than recommendation of honesty. L.B.C. 1:313-314 385

Apr. 16 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Asks introduction for his cousin to New York merchants. 1p. 386

Apr. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Hope that furs will arrive promptly. Discuss account of Menard & Valle. Regret delay in the arrival of plakaxes; will be needed soon. Blue silk is needed. Desire that the Company dispose of skins as the Company thinks best. Request additional shipment of porcelain. 2p. (French) 387

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re personal accounts. Discusses funds to be paid to the families of employees to defray expenses to the Lake country. Fox skins sold well at the London sales. L.B.C. 1:315-316 388

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Michael Dousman, Mackinac  
The Company's agents in Montreal are directed to supply funds for traveling expenses of the families of two employees. L.B.C. 1:317 389

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Discusses preparations for the building of Durham boat. Abbott's carpenters will not be of any use except in constructing fishing boats. Abbott can secure sea biscuit at Detroit. Brewster is to pay Juneau's draft. The prospects in Milwaukee country are not good; much opposition is felt from traders who take rats at 25 cents each, for goods at low rates. Juneau reports that many settlers are crowding into the country. Juneau desires to trade with the whites but Crooks does not approve. Lave obtained \$4000 at the Green Bay annuities. L.B.C. 1:318-319 390

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Re funds paid on Juneau's account. Annuities will probably be paid at Chicago in August. There will be no general

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meeting of the Indians next summer. The War Department does not expect many Indians to emigrate before 1836, to lands beyond the Mississippi. Brewster will supply corn, cornmeal and flour. Is pleased that the prospect of the spring hunt is good. Juneau must not allow large credits to the Indians; the danger of loss is too great. Urges Juneau to manage the Outfit economically. Does not approve of trade with the whites, unless cash sales. L.B.C. 1:320-321 391

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To J. B. Beaubien, Chicago  
Has received Beaubien's offer of \$300 for the Company's trading establishment at Chicago. The Company will accept \$500. L.B.C. 1:322 392

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Gives details of drafts and accounts; requests that the books be corrected. Discusses the proposal for sale of buffalo robes at moderate prices. Has promised to divide the robes among many dealers but the price is not formally announced. Discusses market conditions. Pratte has directed that deer skins be shipped to London. Will forward goods. French blankets are of good quality for the price. L.B.C. 1:323-325 393

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Will fill order for bags, twine, etc., but prefers to delay the shipment until the canal is repaired. Has shipped the nails. Salt for Lapointe should be in fish barrels, but that for the Sault and Mackinac in common barrels. Gives details of Juneau's order for flour, etc. Encloses memorandum of articles wanted for the Grand River Outfit for 1835; gives details for filling this order. Is awaiting the results of Lampson's sale; will then decide the course to be pursued in the purchase of skins next season. L.B.C. 1:326-327 394

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To Rix Robinson, Grand River  
Discusses the extravagant policies of Robinson's opponents. States fur prices in New York. Regrets extremely that Biddle & Drew put a house at White River. Crooks expects to be at Lapointe in July and is anxious to see Robinson. Will send tinware and crockery; Abbott will furnish pork, salt and traps. Wishes to have an estimate of returns at Grand River. L.B.C. 1:328-329 395

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for merchandise to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 1:330 396

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Regrets that Sibley's tour to remote trading posts was arrested by the depth of the snow, as Sibley could have obtained more correct idea of the management of the posts in the

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seasons of trade. Advises Sibley to inform men at the posts that he will keep a sharp eye on them, in order to improve the management and diminish expenses. Re prices for robes. Advises that Sibley and Dousman secure promise from Cass for an appointment when the fort is eventually established on Des Moines river. If Sibley waits until the fort is built, he will never get the suttlng. Hopes by next winter to exclude sutlers by law from having anything to do with the Indian trade either within or outside the military establishment. The War Department might easily make such a regulation, but Cass is not the man to "take the responsibility". L.B.C. 1:331-332 397

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Will give attention to order for powder and provisions. Recommends that Rolette sell muskrats in any quantity at 18 cents; the market will be depressed for all the coming season. Otters will sell well. Gives details of the reports of the London sales. Regrets that German guns turned out so badly. All guns this year are English. Blankets are 8 or 9 per cent lower than in 1834. Woolen goods and domestic cottons have risen very considerably in price. L.B.C. 1:333-334 398

Apr. 18 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Enclose invoices and bills of lading for goods shipped. 1p. 399

Apr. 21 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Sends Saginaw and Schiawassa orders for goods with additions and corrections. The "Warren" departed for the Sault. Has tried to find a purchaser for the Chicago house. Re damages under the "Bridget's" charter. Reports from Aitken and Franchere on the trade. 3p. 400

Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Directs that nails be forwarded to Brewster. No permanent determinatkon has yet been made about the Company's agency at Buffalo. Wishes to know what progress the Buffalo Manufacturing Co. has made on the order for blankets. L.B.C. 1:335 401

Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Re order for 150 dozen socks. L.B.C. 1:336 402

Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re order for goods. Desires same quality of articles as purchased in 1834. Gives directions for shipment. L.B.C. 1:337-338 403

Apr. 21 -- New Orleans -- M. B. Menard to Francis Philippon  
Gives details of furs and peltries shipped by Mager of New Orleans and directions to sell. Encloses invoice of all the peltries shipped by Mager. 1p. 404

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Apr. 22 -- New York -- To S. G. Heacock, Buffalo

Re order for additional blankets to be ready in May.  
L.B.C. 1:339

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Apr. 23 -- Antwerp -- From C. M. Lampson

Small buyers are asking for deer skins. It is difficult to ship furs in hot weather. London market will want some gray deer skins; describes the quality and prices of skins. Discusses market demands and the prospects for sales next year. The disposition made by Astor of his large stock of furs will affect the market. Will report on the Leipzig fair soon. 3p.

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Apr. 24 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re goods received and arrangements for forwarding them to St. Louis. Have been unable to purchase mosquito netting, as only three pieces are found in the entire city. Will give attention to insurance arrangements made by the Company. Re bills of lading for goods forwarded. 2p.

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Apr. 24 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Wish directions about draft to be paid on account of Henry Chouteau. 1p.

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Apr. 24 -- New York -- To Col. Henry Stanton, Quarter Master,  
U. S. A.

Will furnish goods as per annexed list at prices affixed. Will not agree to furnish a portion of the goods. L.B.C. 1:340-341

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Apr. 25 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Skins have arrived in good order. Encloses bill of lading for goods consigned to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 1:352

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Apr. 25 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry

Requests information about prospective orders for rifles. 1p.

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Apr. 25 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Mentions errors in certain invoices. Asks for the Company's account with his department. 1p.

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Apr. 26 -- Natchitoches, La. -- From Henry White

Wishes to purchase deer skins and furs for the Company. Is in the mercantile business. 2p.

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Apr. 27 -- Quarter Master's Office, New York -- From Lieut. Col. Henry Stanton

The Company's proposals to furnish U.S. with powder, shot, guns, tobacco, flags and muskrat traps were the lowest received,

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- and were therefore accepted. lp. 414
- Apr. 27 -- New York -- To Col. Henry Stanton, Quarter Master,  
U.S.A.  
Will accept condition attached to proposal for supply of  
Indian goods. L.B.C. 1:343 415
- Apr. 28 -- Buffalo -- From S. G. Heacock  
Will follow Crooks's directions about blankets. lp. 416
- Apr. 29 -- Fort Snelling -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Re Aitken's charge that Bailly interfered with his Indians  
and has given liquor. The commanding officer will try to pre-  
vent the Indians from going to Prairie du Chien or Fort Snel-  
ling; Sibley will try to prevent the Indians from coming to  
Fort Snelling in the future. Remarks upon the interference of  
the Western Department with the Western Outfit Indian trade.  
Needs Indian laws of 1834 for reference. Major Taliaferro and  
Rolette are expected. Indians not yet in from their spring  
hunts. 3p. 417
- Apr. 29 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Annexes copies of the last two letters. L.B.C. 1:344 418
- Apr. 29 -- Fort Snelling -- From Henry H. Sibley (Extract)  
Trade is being injured by interference of Missouri traders.  
Mentions reports from clerks at the posts, stating that the  
Indians go to the Missouri and return without a skin. Means of  
correcting this evil rests with Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Sibley  
will endeavor to prevent his traders from transgressing on  
their neighbors' premises. L.B.C. 2:4. Annexed to no. 582. 419
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- to J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Cannot give definite answer to Henry's letter at present.  
L.B.C. 1:345 420
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Encloses bill of lading and invoice for deer skins. Has  
insurance for full amount of this shipment. L.B.C. 1:346 421
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re shipment of deer skins to Wildes & Co. Hopes the sale  
of skins can be made promptly and advantageously. Wishes de-  
tailed report of the prices received. L.B.C. 1:347 422
- May -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchère  
The schooner will not be launched, until late July. Pre-  
parations for getting provisions to the upper country are being  
made. Mill race blocked and useless at present. Is unable to  
find proper timber for masts and deck planks. Will have Stanard

get them from below. One storehouse is nearly done. Fuel is stocked for the year. Friendly relations exist with Hudson's Bay Co. Gives terms of agreement with Chapman for store. Is a good sugar season but no hunts. 3p. 423

May 1 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Will fill order for socks as soon as possible. 1p. 424

May 1 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Hunts are very poor; trade slight. Suggests employee for next year. Many Indians have gone to Hudson's Bay Co. Settlers are arriving every day. Indians will receive a large amount in annuity payment. A postoffice has been established at Milwaukee with Juneau as post-master. 3p. (French) 425

May 2 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipping account of furs and deer skins forwarded. Enclose draft to be charged to the account of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. (French) 426

May 4 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Gives details concerning bags to be delivered for corn and packages to be forwarded to Brewster and Abbott. Wishes to have the new vessel chartered to take all goods to Mackinac and St. Marys. Desires to know the probable freight rates. L.B.O. 1: 348 427

May 4 -- New York -- To Oliver Lee, Silver Creek, New York  
Has forwarded 800 bags to be filled with corn which Lee agreed to furnish for Brewster. L.B.O. 1:349 428

May 5 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Carpenters are going to the Sault to complete the boat. The "Bridget" had to return to Mackinac. Hunts are poor in Lawe's district. 2p. 429

May 5 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Gives details of accounts of shipments received. Has had an interview with Oates about blankets; he gave only general assurances about executing orders. Offers from England for serving the Company are numerous but finds none better than present agents in the matter of execution of orders for woollens. Will send samples of domestic blankets. Has shipped the corn does. Will follow instructions about the disposal of skins. Encloses invoice for English goods and French blankets. L.B.O. 1:350-351 430

May 5 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Has ordered blankets from Buffalo Manufacturing Co. Discusses effort to secure early trial of the three Fox Indians. Encloses invoice of goods imported from England. Goods have

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been forwarded via New Orleans. L.B.O. 1:352

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May 5 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Has forwarded Dousman's communications to the chief of the Indian Bureau. Has little hope of any improvement in Indian Affairs. Malpractices of the Indian Department may be exposed at the next session of Congress. Advises that all unquestioned evidence be collected. L.B.O. 1:353

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May 5 -- New York -- To David Stone, Dayton  
Has advised Astor of Stone's wishes about Wabash lands. Patent for land may be in the hands of James Abbott. Gives directions to Stuart for settlement of this matter. Will supply additional quantity of robes if possible. L.B.O. 1:354

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May 5 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Does not expect to be in New York at the time of filling order for goods for Messrs. Williams. Suggests that Williams come to New York and buy the goods himself. Gives directions for settling the case of the "Bridget" and adjustment of the Saginaw affair with Stuart. Encloses a letter from Lampson. The Company will give detailed directions about prices to be paid for skins this season. Describes articles already forwarded. Requests that harness and sleigh be sent to Mackinac. L.B.O. 1:355-356

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May 5 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Sault Ste. Marie  
Re reports of Jones's journey from Detroit to St. Marys. Will expect schooner to be launched in June, and wishes to be present at the launching. Enclosed in no. 441. L.B.O. 1:357

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May 5 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Is pleased with the prospects of affairs at Fond du Lac. Robinson has reported fair quantity of skins at Grand River. Gives details of ruinous prices maintained by opponents. East side of Lake Michigan never did such bad business as the past season. Col. Boyd's unjustifiable conduct in not paying the annuities until November has destroyed the trade of Green Bay. Expects good returns from the West and North. Will determine the price of beaver traps later. Discusses connection with Biddle & Drew. States that goods and provisions are to be supplied to Robinson and to Lawe. Urges that all fish and money possible be got from Biddle and Drew. L.B.O. 1:358, 358 1/2

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May 6 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Finds errors in accounts. Did not succeed in settling with Astor till the close of Dec. 1834. Will make regular settlement with Detroit and Northern Departments at the end of 1835. Has directed Abbott to remit to Brewster any funds re-



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ceived from Green Bay. Has not yet received marked catalog of London sales of Detroit skins. Discusses prices to be offered at present for furs. L.B.C. 1:360-361 437

May 6 -- New York -- To William Aitken, Lapointe

Regrets that the scarcity of provisions has prevented the Indians from pursuing their hunts. Hopes to have satisfactory arrangements in the future. Is gratified at Aitken's determination to keep out of debt. Has given Chaboillez sole management of Ance Department. Holiday's interference is in direct violation of the understanding. McCargo and Stanard will sail the schooners this year. Jones expects to launch the new schooner before July. Thinks two coopers will be enough for this year. Reports on London sales. Enclosed in no. 441. L.B.C. 1:362-364 438

May 6 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Ance Quivivan

Regrets Berthkeht's troublesome and improper conduct in the management of the business. Is glad that Borup came to the Ance, as Berthkeht's behavior might have ruined the spring trade. Will give attention to the order. Enclosed in no. 441. L.B.C. 1:365-366 439

May 6 -- New York -- To Lyman Warren, Lapointe

Regrets that business of the Lake ports as well as the interior has been so poor. Discusses buildings constructed by Warren. Must make satisfactory contract with Mr. Hall so as to supply all his stations. The law interdicts brandy and wine and the Secretary of War is too rigid a temperance advocate to countenance sending them in. Grooks is mortified at affairs at the Ance. Enclosed in no. 441. L.B.C. 1:367-368 440

May 6 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie

Thinks order for goods is too large. Gives directions for closing Chapman's business. Discusses affairs at the Ance. Schooner will take goods for Warren. Encloses nos. 435, 438, 439, and 440. L.B.C. 1:369-370 441

May 6 -- New York -- To Bela Chapman, Sault Ste. Marie

Hulbert will continue as sutler at Fort Brady, but will not get control of the sawmill. The government is not inclined to lease the mill. Grooks expects to be at the Sault in June. L.B.C. 1:371 442

May 6 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Hudson's Bay Co. will offer beaver on hand at public sale June 3. There is slight indication of any change in prices; cutters will hold furs at the present prices. Buyers of New Orleans skins likely to lose, as the quantity of common skins on the Continent is large. Lampson will have a public sale in July or August. Has had no news from Leipsic. 2p. 443

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May 7 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re goods forwarded to Chouteau. Gives details of freight rates on the Mississippi boats. Statement of furs is forwarded at the order of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 2p. 444

May 7 -- New York -- To Robert Stuart, Detroit

Re note of Warren's held by Stuart; the Company proposes to pay note at maturity. L.B.C. 1:372 445

May 7 -- New York -- To Hon. Lewis Cass. Washington

The Company proposes to keep the traders constantly in the interior in order to secure to the Indians a more regular supply of goods; will need to secure licenses without personal application of each trader to agent at Mackinac, as that would require long journey from Fond du Lac. Discusses the Company's proposal to execute provisional bond for whole number of licenses required for the region of Lake Superior. Crooks desires passport from the Department of Indian Affairs to pass thru various Indian agencies. Urges that annuities be paid in time to enable the Indians to make their fall hunts. Payments at Chicago and Fort Winnebago in 1834 were entirely too late. Indians of Green Bay have suffered seriously from hunger. The annuities should be paid by Sept. 1. Discusses the undue influence of sutlers in the Indian trade; urges regulations that will fairly protect the Indian traders. L.B.C. 1:373-375 446

May 7 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Results of Lampson's sale in March were better than the Company had anticipated. Gives details of reports from the trading posts adjoining Hudson's Bay Co.'s territory and from Lake Superior. L.B.C. 1:376 447

May 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Has received marked catalog of Rows's sale and of Lampson's. Is gratified with the results of Lampson's sale. Affairs in most northern part of Lake Superior country are quite promising. Martins and muskrats will be abundant. L.B.C. 1:377-378 448

May 8 -- New York -- To Smith & Brown, Philadelphia

Enclosed bill of lading for muskrats purchased from the Company. L.B.C. 1:379 449

May 8 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works

Re order for additional rifles. L.B.C. 1:380 450

May 8 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallé, Ste. Genevieve

Value of bear skins has not improved. Re badly damaged skins which Phillipon thinks came from Menard in Texas. L.B.C. 1:381 451

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May 8 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau

Gives details of the Chicago treaty, of which Judge Doty has arrived with a copy. Certain claims were allowed. 1p. (French) 452

May 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Agree with the Company's opinion on the matter of business relations. Give details of accounts. The price of robes ought to be fixed according to the state of the New York market as well as the amount of returns. Rivers are very low. Are disappointed in the return of deer skins from the lower Missouri. 1p. (French) 453

May 9 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Requests that three barrels of crackers be purchased and forwarded to Abbott. L.B.C. 1:382 454

May 9 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 1:383 455

May 10 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Orders provisions, liquors, tobacco, etc. for Rix Robinson's summer trade; Robinson's hunts have been poor. 2p. 456

May 10 -- Trading House, Verdigris -- From Auguste P. Chouteau

Has shipped furs and peltries to Merle & Co. to be forwarded to New York and sold for the account of A. P. Chouteau. 2p. 457

May 10 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry

Has received order for 100 Lancaster pattern rifles. 1p. 458

May 11 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Hopes the skins will arrive in cool weather. Regrets that Pratte, Chouteau & Co. have not received returns from the Black Hills region, as the prospects for deer skins are as good as in 1834. Annexes invoices for goods. Re items in an order which has not yet been filled. L.B.C. 1:384 459

May 11 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Encloses invoice of goods for retail store, as ordered by Dousman. Has forwarded private orders with other goods. Certain articles are not in the market. Describes private parcels to be delivered. L.B.C. 1:385-386 460

May 12 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt

Describe facilities and give the charges for forwarding goods to Mackinac and St. Marys. 1p. 461

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May 12 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Discusses commission to be charged by Brewster on supplies for other branches of the Company's business. Gives directions for making up prices for provisions. Barker & Holt give satisfaction as agents at Buffalo. Has sold muskrats to Halsey & Co. Gives directions for unlocking the iron safe. L.B.C. 1:387-388 462

May 12 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons

Re invoices. Will quote prices later in the season. McKenzie while in Leeds gave an order for the Company. Statement of accounts. lp. 463

May 12 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Have sent coopers with Capt. McCargo and Barbeau. Have shipped merchandise ordered by the Company. lp. 464

May 13 -- Chicago -- From J. B. Beaubien

Agrees to take the Chicago establishment for \$500. lp. 465

May 13 -- Philadelphia -- From Aeneas Mackay

Complains about the Commissary General's giving the order for rifles to a company that gave a higher bid. Will have to pay \$13 for rifle for Crooks. lp. 466

May 13 -- Boston -- From Gill & Wheelock

Annex receipt for 3 cases of merchandise shipped by a schooner on the Dispatch Line. lp. 467

May 13 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Re extra parcels shipped to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Requests that upper Mississippi goods be forwarded to Rolette. Suggests that Ohio river route be used for transportation of skins during the summer. The advantages of this route are highly important, as the skins coming by sea are stopped at quarantine and held indefinitely. Ronaud can give the cost of shipping by the Ohio Route. Re arrival of deer skins and furs. L.B.C. 1:389-391 468

May 13 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Has recommended to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. to try the Ohio route for shipment of furs during the hot weather. Requests that Ronaud give Pratte, Chouteau & Co. detailed information of shipping conditions by this route. L.B.C. 1:393. 469

May 14 -- Chicago -- From J. B. Beaubien

Re an error in the date of previous letter. lp. 470

May 14 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Directions to Brewster to forward certain provisions to

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Green Bay to be delivered to Western Outfit. Describes goods ordered from Montreal for Abbott. The Company continues to employ its old agents at Buffalo. Urges that Abbott obtain all fish and sugar possible from Biddle & Drew, and to reduce their account as much as possible. L.B.C. 1:396-397 471

May 14 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Requests that goods from Montreal be forwarded to Mackinac. Blankets from the Buffalo Manufacturing Co. are to be sent to Lawe and to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Agents in the west have been instructed to consign shipments for the Company to the care of the agents at Buffalo. L.B.C. 1:400-401 472

May 14 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Encloses memorandum of prices which ought not to be exceeded in the purchase of furs and skins. Lampson does not hold flattering prospects for the fall sale. Presumes there will be no scarcity of competitors. Advises that Brewster take only the choicest parcels, even at advanced rates. Explains the banking arrangements to be made with the Bank of Michigan. Re provisions to be forwarded to Lawe for the Western Outfit. L.B.C. 1:394-395 473

May 14 -- New York -- To S. G. Heacock, Buffalo

Requests that blankets be delivered to Barker & Holt. A detailed order for blankets is to be sent to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 1:292 474

May 14 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Has presented to the Secretary of War at the suggestion of Sibley the unfair advantage enjoyed by sutlers in carrying on Indian trade in opposition to regular traders. The Secretary declines to make any change in the present arrangement. Advises that Sibley renew his application for the sutlership of any post established on River Des Moines. Urges that Cass be seen when at Detroit. Has recommended that the Indians be paid early, and the Secretary of War approves Sept. 1. Lampson reports that the prospects for the sale of raccoons at Leipsic fair were less favorable. Desires reports of returns as early as possible. L.B.C. 1:398-399 475

May 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Discusses plans for the public sale. Reports from Frankfurt deer skin fair were not so favorable as expected. Stock in importers' hands at Hamburg is large. Advises a small shipment of deer skins. Gives directions for packing. Early reports from Leipsic show little business; exporters fear a dull sale. Greek buyers who take red fox and mink have combined. 2p. 476

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May 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have made a shipment of fine deer skins. Propose to try the Pittsburgh route. New returns from Assinboine require the purchase of a new steamboat in order to deliver annuity goods and presents for the Indians which firm has contracted with the Government to furnish and transport. The government will pay only when the merchandise is delivered. Re drafts drawn. lp.  
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May 15 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows

Annexes a bill for socks. lp.

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May 15 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Will send forward the goods for Grand River outfit. Encouraging reports of London sales. 2p.

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May 15 -- New York -- To Colin Lamont, Jr., Greenock, Eng.

Has received and forwarded box to St. Louis. Requests that bill of lading be sent with future shipments. Has no direct news from the upper Missouri since 1834, but Lamont's brother was then in good health. L.B.C. 1:402 480

May 15 -- Ste. Genevieve -- From Menard & Vallé (per Felix Vallé)

Discusses guaranteeing and insuring. Annexes invoice for deerskins. Has received letter from Francis Philippon advising of the receipt of 100 packs skins sent from Texas. lp.

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May 15 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte

Enclose Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s list of exchange of May 12, drawn on Ramsay Crooks. Mullikin expects to be in New York soon to arrange financial affairs. lp.

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May 16 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Carpenters have gone to the Sault; has sent six fishing boats to the Sault. lp.

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May 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Auguste P. Chouteau

Has been waiting advice about his skins. Inquires about his son. lp.

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May 16 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Agrees to plan to send goods to the Sault and to Mackinac by separate vessels. Brigs of Pratte, Taylor & Co. draw too much water to go to St. Marys. Has shipped powder for Mackinac, St. Marys, Green Bay, and Detroit. Re the Company's agents at western posts. L.B.C. 1:403-404 485

May 16 -- New York -- To B. Knower & Son, Albany

Will try to satisfy both Knowers and Van Winkle & Randall in supply of buffalo robes. Wishes to know whether Knower will

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- guarantee all payments to be made by Van Winkle & Randall.  
L.B.C. 1:405 486
- May 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received all the merchandise bought in the U.S. except the pickaxes and plaids. All will be sent to the Western Outfit in a few days. Enclose draft. lp. (French) 487
- May 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Will forward to St. Louis the goods destined for Prairie du Chien. Enclose bill of lading for skins and furs forwarded. lp. 488
- May 18 -- New York -- To Gen. Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Discusses the need of mill race at St. Marys for navigation. Urges Gratiot to persuade Gen. Jessup to make improvements without delay. L.B.C. 1:406 489
- May 18 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Desires complete invoice for shipment of goods. Wishes to know whether coopers have tools. Re accounts wanted. L.B.C. 1:407 490
- May 18 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Re shipment of goods to Barker & Holt by Vallee, Boyer & Co. Re directions for forwarding. L.B.C. 1:408 491
- May 18 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Considers the arrangement with Chapman satisfactory. Discusses coopers and materials supplied by Vallee, Boyer & Co. If proof is secured that Hulbert's agent traded with the Indians at Paquamianaw, the Company will urge the government to send him elsewhere. Will send the goods for the store in a few days. L.B.C. 1:409-410 492
- May 18 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Discusses goods shipped by Vallee, Boyer & Co., and the departure of Capt. McCargo, Barbeau and two coopers. Advises that coopers remain at Mackinac until Franchere needs them. Franchere fears the new schooner will not be ready before the end of July. L.B.C. 1:411-412 493
- May 19 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re arrangements for forwarding deer skins. lp. 494
- May 20 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
The Buffalo Woolen Manufacturing Co. has promised to deliver 3 bales of blankets. Goods shipped by the Company have not yet arrived. Re arrangements for shipping to Mackinac direct. 2p. 495

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May 20 -- Buffalo -- From S. G. Heacock

Cannot fill additional orders for blankets at less than 80 cents per pound, due to rise in the price of wool. Blankets now being made are a very superior brand. lp. 496

May 20 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud

Goods are generally shipped direct from St. Louis to Pittsburgh. States freight charges from St. Louis to Pittsburgh and from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia via the Pa. canal. States time required. lp. 497

May 20 -- New York -- To Gen. Charles H. Gratiot, Washington

Discusses proposal to repair sawmill and millrace at the Sault if the government will give some assistance from the garrison at Fort Brady. A. P. Chouteau has reported that Col. Stambaugh, the new sutler at Fort Snelling, is disposed to sell his privilege of sutlership. Crooks will guarantee payment of \$1000 per year if Stambaugh will cede sutling to Henry H. Sibley. Stambaugh has little knowledge of commercial matters. The Company desires to get rid of competition of sutler in the Indian trade. A sutler may have little trade but is always an annoyance. If necessary, Gratiot should secure the assent of the Secretary of War to this transfer. L.B.O. 1:413-414 498

May 21 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Has received copy of bill of goods from Montreal. Annexes receipts for shipment of powder. L.B.O. 1:415 499

May 21 -- New York -- To Hon. Lewis Cass, Washington

Encloses powers of attorney authorizing Crooks to receive payments due Angelique Juneau and John B. Letendre under the treaty at Chicago of 1833. Desires that money be remitted to New York. L.B.O. 1:416 500

May 21 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay

The fur market remains unchanged. The Secretary of War has promised that the Indian annuities will be paid early in Sept. Urges Lawe to be prepared to secure large share of the money which is more certain than the fur trade. All goods for the Western Outfit will be consigned to Lawe. Crooks expects to be at Mackinac in June. L.B.O. 1:417 501

May 21 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present

Re order for powder of usual quality. L.B.O. 1:418 502

May 21 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Late reports from Leipsic show the fair to have been bad. Gives details of the present market for raccoons. Nearly all the fine Detroit skins have gone to Russia direct and it is yet too early to hear from them. Bear skins have not sold well at Leipsic. Expects a decline in the price of red fox. States



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- prospects for the sale of deer skins. 2p. 503
- May 21 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
The Quartermaster General will communicate with Crooks about mill race at the Sault. The Quartermaster General is willing to aid citizens beyond the frontier. The Secretary of War is on his way to Detroit; advises Crooks to communicate with him. lp. 504
- May 21 -- New York -- From William Kemble  
Has received order for 150 casks, 50 pounds each, of DuPont's gunpowder. Gives prices. lp. 505
- May 21 -- New Orleans -- From John Mager  
Re shipment of furs to New York by order of the agent of Menard & Valle. lp. 506
- May 21 -- New York -- From Henry Stanton  
The Company's proposals for furnishing Indian supplies is accepted. Contract and bond will be presented. lp. 507
- May 22 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Will discuss sutlership with Stambaugh, when he arrives in Washington. lp. 508
- May 22 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Results of the spring hunts are not satisfactory. Has enough merchandise for another year. Juneau wishes to do business for himself. Will be careful to give credit only to reliable Indians. The Indians have left; will return in the autumn in order to receive their payment. Encloses list of furs. 2p. (French) 509
- May 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
The accounts from Leipsic are still unfavorable. Leipsic buyers are much interfered with by good skins going direct to Russia. lp. 510
- May 22 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Give directions about insurance on skins shipped for A. P. Chouteau. lp. 511
- May 22 -- Detroit -- From Robert Stuart  
Abbott will attend to Oicott land; has the deed. Lyman M. Warren's note will be in the hands of John Ward & Co. lp. 512
- May 23 -- Department of War, Office Indian Affairs -- From Elbert Herring  
Describes claims of Angelique Juneau and Jean Letendre's children, under the Chicago treaty. lp. 513

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- May 23 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Sends order for additional rifles. Describes rifles  
wanted. States time of delivery. L.B.C. 1:419 514
- May 23 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Has received the socks. Annexes draft in payment of the  
entire account. L.B.C. 1:420 515
- May 23 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montréal  
Discusses desertion of cooper on his way to Detroit.  
Wishes another cooper to be employed and sent to Detroit.  
L.B.C. 1:421 516
- May 25 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Stuart says he has nothing to do with settling the Saginaw  
inventory. The cargo of the "Bridget" was damaged while being  
unloaded at the Sault. Preparations for building the new ves-  
sel. Dispute with Abbott over damages. Contractors refuse to  
deliver supplies previously ordered. Sends a list of furs.  
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- May 25 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Enclose copy of account. Describe financial affairs. 1p.  
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- May 25 -- New York -- To S. G. Heacock, Buffalo  
Regrets increase in the price of blankets, as these blan-  
kets were only a sample order. L.B.C. 1:422 519
- May 26 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry  
States time needed for filling rifle orders. 1p. 520
- May 26 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for deerskins and furs. The great-  
er part of the Company's goods will be forwarded to St. Louis  
at once. 1p. 521
- May 26 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Goods have not arrived. There is a large supply of rats  
at Bailly's. Gives charge of Dubois against the old concern.  
2p. 522
- May 26 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Discusses error in Letendre's power of attorney; gives  
directions for making a new one. Regrets that the spring hunts  
are so poor. The fur market is unchanged. L.B.C. 1:423 523
- May 26 -- New York -- To J. B. Beaubien, Chicago  
Has received Beaubien's inventory. Will accept offer of  
\$500 for the Company's trading establishment at Chicago. L.B.C.  
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May 27 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot

Col. Stambaugh arrived in Washington May 25. Has extravagant notions of the value of the sutlership he owns. Statement of annual pay of the officers and men of the post garrison; the whole expenditure of the government at the post is about \$20,000 annually. Of this, the sutler may obtain from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Stambaugh has given Gratiot the private and confidential correspondence of the Secretary of War concerning the sutlership; this is for Crooks's perusal. 3p. 525

May 28 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt

Have the receipts for the powder. Re goods forwarded. 1p. 526

May 28 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Capt. McCargo [?] and Barbeau have left for the Sault. Received and forwarded \$4000 from Lawe. Rix Robinson's returns are better than was expected. The building of the schooner and boat is progressing. 1p. 527

May 28 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received invoice of merchandise. The Company need not send missing articles except the porcelain. Request sample blankets. Have decided to try shipping via the Ohio and Pittsburgh. Re shipment of furs. 2p. (French) 528

May 28 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works

Discusses time for the delivery of the rifles. L.B.C. 1: 425 529

May 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received the balance of returns from the Osages. Opponent has arrived with robes and beaver. Have no reliable reports from the upper Missouri. Re drafts in payment of articles ordered from Louisville and Cincinnati. 2p. (French) 530

May 29 -- New York -- To Gen. Charles H. Gratiot, Washington

Is willing to allow Stambaugh \$1500 per annum, in order to get rid of competition in the trade. Has noted that this is to be a private bargain with Stambaugh. L.B.C. 1:426 531

May 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Has shipped deer skins to Wildes & Co. Discusses the quality of these skins. L.B.C. 1:427 532

May 30 -- New York -- To Grary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool

Has received bills of charges. The goods are not yet landed. L.B.C. 1:428 533

May 30 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Discusses shipments of furs and the manner of stowing. Re condition of deer skins. Encloses bill of lading for a valuable

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package for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Requests that Merle & Co. advise the Company of the arrival of all shipments from St. Louis, especially of robes which can be disposed of before reaching New York. L.B.C. 1:429-430 534

May 30 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Has received invoices of goods. Had expected some decline in the prices of coarse woollens. Wishes to know the most favorable season of the year for the execution of orders. L.B.C. 1:431 535

May 30 -- New York -- To George Wildes & Co., London  
Has received invoices. Re accounts. Encloses invoice of deer skins. L.B.C. 1:432-433 536

May 30 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry (per James Henry)  
Re time for filling rifle orders and difficulty in securing rifle locks from New York. 1p. 537

May 30 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Is gratified with the information about the collections for the present year. Reports from Leipsic are still bad. Discusses the prospects for the sale of certain varieties of skins in the fall. Recommends that the Company sell all the grey fox in New York. 2p. 538

June -- -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Discusses shipment of packages to St. Louis for Lamont. L.B.C. 1:441 539

June 1 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Discusses accounts. Has received the draft from the Company. 1p. 540

June 1 -- New York -- To Smith & Brown, Philadelphia  
Annexes bill of lading for shipment of skins purchased by Brown. L.B.C. 1:434 541

June 1 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Re accounts for goods shipped from Montreal. Annexes bill of lading for merchandise to be forwarded to the Sault. Wishes to know the length of time that goods are on the way to Buffalo. L.B.C. 1:435 542

June 2 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Discusses the difficulty in obtaining gun locks. L.B.C. 1:437 543

June 2 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Discusses offer made to Col. Stambaugh; his acceptance has not yet been given. 2p. 544

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- June 3 -- New York -- To Alexander Watson, New York  
Discusses materials furnished to make 100 Indian coats, which must be made precisely according to the samples. States rates of payment. L.B.C. 1:436 545
- June 4 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has bought few furs. Sends invoice of supplies sent to Green Bay for the Western Outfit. The building of the schooner is rapidly progressing at the Sault. lp. 546
- June 4 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault St. Marie  
Desires Franchere to write more frequently. Discusses the expenses of transportation of Capt. McCargo, Barbeau, and a cooper. Encloses invoice of goods ordered by Franchere. Window-glass can be furnished from Detroit. L.B.C. 1:438-439 547
- June 4 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Encloses custom house certificates for liquors to be forwarded to St. Marys. Wishes to know whether these certificates cannot be safely dispensed with. Gives directions about the cooper who deserted at Buffalo. L.B.C. 1:440 548
- June 4 -- New York -- To Gen. Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Is gratified with Gratiot's attention to affairs with Col. Stambaugh. Advises that agreement be made to pay Stambaugh \$500 per annum for each company at the Fort Snelling garrison. Desires a written statement from Stambaugh that he accepts Crooks's proposal and will execute a formal contract in New York. L.B.C. 1:442 549
- June 5 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Asks Crooks to get information on his dispute with Lee from Pratt Taylor & Co. in Buffalo. Logwood bought for Saginaw has not been received. lp. 550
- June 5 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Hopes another cooper has been hired. Finds account correct. L.B.C. 1:443 551
- June 5 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry  
Describes the kind and states the number of rifle locks needed. lp. 552
- June 6 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis  
Has accepted draft. Hopes to see Mullikin in New York. L.B.C. 1:444 553
- June 6 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Will fill order for goods which Juneau wants for trade with the whites. Approves Juneau's arrangements with Mr. Mack on Rivere a la Roche. L.B.C. 1:445 554

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- June 6 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
A. P. Chouteau's skins and furs have reached New Orleans, and will be forwarded to New York. Requests that Chouteau be told this. L.B.O. 1:446 555
- June 6 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Discusses terms offered Col. Stambaugh. Encloses copies of the regulations relating to sutling. 1p. 556
- June 6 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Encloses marked catalog of Hudson's Bay Co.'s beaver sale. Thinks large cutters are well stocked with beaver bought last January. Columbia river ship has arrived with a cargo of beaver and otter. States prices expected for deer skins. Some good Indian handled skins are wanted. The entire Leipsia fair was unfavorable; importers made no money. 3p. 557
- June 6 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Have forwarded furs; freight rates are low. All the Company's goods have been forwarded to St. Louis. 1p. 558
- June 6 -- Washington -- From Col. Samuel C. Stambaugh  
Has discussed with Gen. Gratiot the question of sutling to the troops at St. Peter's. Terms proposed: Stambaugh appoints Crooks sole agent for \$1500 per year. Stambaugh will have to go to the post to install his agent and desires his expenses to be paid. Has been informed by fellow officers that a sutler is permitted to sell two gills of wine daily to each soldier and any quantity of ale and porter. Four companies will be stationed at Fort Snelling. Stambaugh expects to spend most of the year in Pa. St. Peter's is considered the best post in the army for a sutler. 3p. 559
- June 7 -- Mouth of Grand River -- From Rix Robinson  
Packing lists are not finished; statement of approximate returns for season in Indian sugar, beeswax, and furs. Inventory of goods has not yet been taken. It is not certain what Campian and Godfrey are going to do. 2p. 560
- June 8 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Has no definite information yet regarding robes. L.B.O. 1:447 561
- June 8 -- New York -- To Keteltas, Blake & Simonson, Quarantine Ground, Staten Is.  
Gives details of shipments of skins expected. Requests that these be landed as early as possible. L.B.O. 1:448 562
- June 8 -- New York -- To Thorne & Co., Brooklyn  
Has directed officials at Quarantine to deliver all Company's property to Thorne & Co. Requests that furs and skins

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- be placed in storage. L.B.C. 1:449 563
- June 8 -- Buffalo -- From S. G. Heacock  
Requests directions about the Company's plan for paying  
for blankets. 1p. 564
- June 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re notice of A. P. Chouteau's furs having arrived in New  
Orleans. 1p. 565
- June 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Smith & Brown  
Gives details of note and time for collecting it. 1p. 566
- June 9 -- New York -- From R. Putnam  
Requests contract for transporting from Buffalo to Chicago  
government goods supplied by the Company. 1p. 567
- June 9 -- New York -- To Col. Samuel C. Stambaugh, Washington  
Discusses the terms offered to Stambaugh for the transfer  
of the sutlership at Fort Snelling. Crooks will not make any  
arrangement for one year; the contract must be for the entire  
term of Stambaugh's commission. Crooks expects to leave soon  
for the Lakes. Early decision from Stambaugh is necessary.  
L.B.C. 1:450-451 568
- June 9 -- New York -- To Gen. Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Encloses letter from Stambaugh and Crooks's reply to it.  
Desires Stambaugh's decision soon, in order to provide goods  
for Fort Snelling. Crooks will not alter the terms offered  
Stambaugh. L.B.C. 1:452 569
- June 9 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Encloses bill of lading for shipment of deer skins. Gives  
details of the sale of certain deer skins from different parts  
of the country. Is grateful for the efforts to procure a chart  
of Lake Superior, which would have been valuable to the Com-  
pany. Is trying to secure a copy of a chart that is in this  
country. Has secured as pilot the person who for years sailed  
the schooner employed in the survey. L.B.C. 1:453 570
- June 9 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
The Company did not succeed in securing exclusive control  
of the principal part of good deer skins. As far as possible,  
the Company will conform to Lampson's recommendations. Re  
shipments of deer skins. The prospect for muskrats is very  
discouraging. Astor holds on to his muskrats. L.B.C. 1:454-  
455 571
- June 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose invoice for furs shipped to Francis Ronaud at  
Pittsburgh, to be forwarded by canal. Also, shipment of robes  
via New Orleans. There is an error in invoice of robes. Gives

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details of returns expected in robes. The merchandise for the Western Outfit has been forwarded. 2p. (French) 572

June 11 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
The proposed arrangement with Col. Stambaugh has failed.  
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June 12 -- New York -- To S. G. Heacock, Buffalo  
Have directed Barker & Holt to take charge of blankets.  
States terms of payment. L.B.C. 1:456 574

June 12 -- New York -- To Barker, & Holt, Buffalo  
The Buffalo Manufacturing Co. will deliver blankets to  
Barker & Holt to be shipped to Abbott, Mackinac. L.B.C. 1:457  
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June 12 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry  
Has obtained the necessary locks from Philadelphia. Has  
forwarded 100 rifles. 1p. 576

June 12 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Cannot find satisfactory coopers. Regret that cooper sent  
to the Lakes has deserted. Mayrand cannot pay the Company,  
until he sells his produce. Wish to know the prices and the  
quantity of robes that the Company can supply. 2p. 577

June 13 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Re shipment of goods for Kenneth Mackenzie who is inter-  
ested in the trade of the Missouri. L.B.C. 1:458 578

June 13 -- New York -- To Col. Auguste P. Chouteau, St. Louis  
Hopes Chouteau has found a proper school for his son. An-  
nexes a list of Chouteau's furs and skins shipped by Merle &  
Co. Will sell these skins as soon as possible. L.B.C. 1:459-  
460 579

June 13 -- New York -- To Gen. Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Is disappointed at the result of negotiations with Stam-  
baugh. The agreement with Stambaugh would have had a most ben-  
eficial influence on Indian affairs at Fort Snelling. L.B.C.  
1:461 580

June 15 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Has notified Pratte, Chouteau & Co. of Sibley's complaint  
against the Missouri traders. Desires a report on the probable  
result of the year's trade. Encloses invoice for the remainder  
of goods. Gives details re filling part of the order. Tried  
to make an agreement with Stambaugh for sutling, but failed.  
"It will be improper to let the public know we have had any  
correspondence with the Colonel on this subject." L.B.C. 1:  
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- June 15 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has accepted drafts. All deer skins have gone to London. Describes skins received. States condition of the fur market. Will try to dispose of skins; may try public auction. Expects the London deer skin sales to be satisfactory. The market for buffalo robes is very good. Wishes Pratte, Chouteau & Co. to fix price. Urges the firm to secure all robes. Dealers in robes are anxious to know the probable collection and the proportion they are to receive. Is pleased that the firm thinks favorably of the Ohio route for shipment of furs and skins. Describes blankets ordered from the Buffalo Manufacturing Co. Annexes invoice for wampum. Encloses extract from Sibley at St. Peter's about injury to the Company's trade by Missouri traders. Crooks had hoped that each party would keep within their acknowledged limits. Peace is essential on both sides. L.B.C. 2:1-5 582
- June 15 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Have poor success in getting off the Mackinac goods. States plans for forwarding the goods. 2p. 583
- June 17 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Have forwarded furs and deer skins received from Brewster. 1p. 584
- June 17 -- Philadelphia -- Has tested rifles and gives results obtained. Hopes to get rifle for Crooks soon. 2p. 585
- June 17 -- Green Bay -- From Augustin Grignon  
Discusses letters written by Crooks about lands inherited by Grignon. Crooks seems to claim these lands for himself. Grignon wishes to reimburse Crooks for taxes and services, and then desires the deeds to be forwarded. 1p. 586
- June 17 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Give details regarding the cooper sent to the Sault. 2p. 587
- June 18 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Regrets difficulty in finding a cooper. Gives directions for forwarding cooper if one is secured. Has not yet received data in regard to the Collection and the price of robes. L.B.C. 2:6 588
- June 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Invoice of 44 packs of furs has been sent. Has recent fur purchases worth four or five thousand. Hears that one of the packs included in the bill of lading was stolen at Buffalo. 1p. 589
- June 19 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Discusses effort to obtain opinion of the actual relative

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value of deer skins. Will obey directions about packing. Re skins forwarded. L.B.C. 2:7 590

June 19 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Gives details of shipment of deer skins. Has no definite news from the Indian country. L.B.C. 2:8 591

June 19 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Has shipped merchandise to be forwarded to Mackinac and Sault St. Marie. Wishes to know when goods are received. L.B.C. 2:9 592

June 19 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has forwarded furs via Pa. Canal to Siter, Price & Co. lp. 593

June 20 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for buffalo robes. All the robes shipped were in good order. lp. 594

June 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Samuel C. Stambaugh  
Introduces Dr. Moore who has been appointed sutler at Prairie du Chien, and will go to New York to arrange for supplying the post with goods. lp. 595

June 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Encloses marked catalogs of Rows's deer skin sale and of Lampson's. Results were better than Lampson anticipated. The fur buyers have all returned from the Continent and are not in good spirits. Hudson's Bay Co. have not yet announced their beaver sale. The price of beaver has advanced. lp. 596

June 22 -- New York -- To Barket & Holt, Buffalo  
Describes shipping papers. Desires sails for the new schooner to be sent to St. Marys without delay. Another cooper has been sent from Montreal. L.B.C. 2:10 597

June 22 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Is pleased that Abbott succeeded with fishing boats. Discusses Juneau's order for goods for trade with the whites. Abbott's supplies are all shipped except the guns. All supplies must be at the Sault in time for the first trip of the new schooner. There was a delay in shipping the powder at Buffalo. Has contracted with the government to deliver Indian goods at Chicago. Gives details concerning the marking of the packages. L.B.C. 2:11-13 598

June 22 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Approves that Franchere bought out Chapman. Will meet the opposition in the Lake Superior region as well as possible. Has made liberal provisions for the fisheries. Considers James

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Abbott's conduct very unreasonable. Discusses David Stone's trading policies. Has not been able to get a map of Lake Superior in London. A British officer near Fort Gabriel has one; advises Brewster to try to get it. Messrs. Williams are looking among the merchants for supplies. Annexes order for sundries to be forwarded to the Sault. Expects to reach Detroit within a week. L.B.C. 2:14-15 599

June 22 -- New York -- To David Haddan, Present  
Re order for sample blankets to be supplied by Yorkshire firm. The Company will decline receiving these blankets if they are not satisfactory. States plan of payment. L.B.C. 2:16-17 600

June 23 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Deer skins shipped via New Orleans have arrived. Discusses the delays in shipment. L.B.C. 2:18 601

June 23 -- New York -- To Barnard, Adams & Co., Boston  
Will charge the same rates to all buyers for robes. L.B.C. 2:19 602

June 23 -- New York -- To Col. Auguste P. Chouteau, St. Louis  
Re delay of skins at quarantine. L.B.C. 2:20 603

June 23 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Discusses violation of shipping arrangements by officers on packet boat in the matter of the care of furs. Advise the Company to be very severe in dealing with these violations. Suggest forfeiture of freight on the entire shipment, if the furs are not properly stowed. 2p. 604

June 23 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Have shipped the remainder of buffalo robes. Explains agreement that robes be stowed between decks. 1p. 605

June 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of furs sent via Pittsburgh. 1p. (French) 606

June 24 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Gives directions for forwarding additional packages to St. Marys and Mackinac. L.B.C. 2:21 607

June 24 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry (per James Henry)  
Has forwarded, via Morris Canal, 90 rifles. 1p. 608

June 25 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Have the schooner ready to take the Company's goods to Mackinac and St. Marys. Have arranged passage for cooper going to St. Marys. 8p. 609

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- June 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Explains accounts with Jno. C. Halsey & Co., and draft to be collected and credited on account. 1p. (French) 610
- June 25 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has skins ready to forward to London. Discusses the quarantine regulations. L.B.C. 2:23 611
- June 25 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Discusses goods forwarded. Gives details of Crooks's plans for a trip to the Lakes. L.B.C. 2:24 612
- June 27 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
37 packs of furs have been shipped; describes them. Will soon ship 60 to 80 packs more. 1p. 613
- June 27 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Goods have been received and arrangements have been made for forwarding them. Describes the furs received from Brewster. 2p. 614
- June 27 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Ronaud has forwarded furs via Pa. Canal. Explains detailed directions to be given to canal forwarders. L.B.C. 2:25 615
- June 27 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Discuss payment made by E. Mayrand for J. B. Mayrand. 2p. 616
- June 29 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Describe goods received and arrangements for forwarding. 2p. 617
- June 29 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Sends an order for goods. Asks to have beans for the Northern Outfit procured at Buffalo. 1p. 618
- June 29 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Requests that shipments be consigned direct to the Company. Re purchase of soap. L.B.C. 2:26 619
- June 29 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Entire shipment has arrived in good order. Reports from England state that the Leipzig fair was not successful. Re Lampson's advice on purchasing raccoons. Discusses the general condition of the fur market. Messrs. Williams have left; their goods will leave soon. Crooks expects to start to the Lakes June 30. L.B.C. 2:27-28 620
- June 29 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Will offer the Company's skins at a public sale in August;

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good skins will sell well. Agents of exporters to Leipsic may buy in the New York market and hurt the London sales. Leipsic buyers report that large Russian buyers will not attend the London sales this fall. Lampson prefers to have small sale in the fall as the spring sales are usually better. 2p. 621

June 30 -- St. Louis -- From Auguste P. Chouteau  
Robes have been forwarded for Chouteau by Merle & Co. Is ready to depart for Arkansas. 1p. 622

June 30 -- New York -- To John Mager, New Orleans  
Is grateful for advice regarding a certain shipment of deer skins. L.B.C. 2:29 623

June 30 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Is pleased that another cooper has been hired. L.B.C. 2:30 624

June 30 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Gives details of the arrival of deer skins. L.B.C. 2:31 625

June 30 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
The Company has paid Dousman's draft to David Aitken. Discusses Aitken's difficulty in purchasing supplies. Aitken has returned to St. Josephs for aid. L.B.C. 2:32 626

June 30 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Is pleased with plan for forwarding the goods. Requests that the schooner take additional supplies from Detroit. Gives directions for forwarding goods to New York. Crooks will leave July 1 for Buffalo. L.B.C. 2:33 627

June 30 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallée, Ste. Genevieve  
Has insured deer skins. Describes the damaged condition of deer skins transferred by Philippon and the difficulties of finding a buyer. The Company does not wish to handle skins in this condition. Advises that in hot weather, skins be shipped via Pittsburgh. L.B.C. 2:34, 34 1/2, 35 628

June 30 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Lampson keeps the Company informed of the condition of the fur market. Has shipped some good deer skins. Re drafts drawn. Reports from the interior are still indefinite. Crooks is going on a tour of inspection of the Lake country; Clapp will have charge of the office. L.B.C. 2:36-37 629

June 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Discusses report of Leipsic fair. The Company is slightly encouraged in the prospects for sales of raccoons and bears, all of which have been shipped. Describes shipment of deer

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skins. Advices from the Indian country indicate a fair business. Clapp will have charge of the Company's affairs during Crooks's journey in the West. L.B.C. 2:38-39 630

June 30 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re accounts. Discusses offers from other commission merchants. The Company desires information on the state of the market for goods usually purchased. The Company has not yet decided to employ new agents. Clapp will act as president while Crooks is in the Lake Country. L.B.C. 2:40-41 631

June 30 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Re goods forwarded by the Company for Mackenzie. Goods have not arrived. Describes the transportation lines between Pittsburgh and New York. 1p. 632

June 30 -- New York -- To Crary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool  
Has received bill of lading and account of charges on goods. Clapp will settle accounts. L.B.C. 2:43 633

June 30 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has shipped deer skins to London. Fears that muskrats will meet dull sale. Offers for raccoons and bears are very low; has decided to ship these to London. Clapp will take Crooks's place, and Whetten will take care of the furs and skins. L.B.C. 2:44 634

June 30 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Discusses failure of Franchere to send the Company any information on affairs at St. Marys. All materials for the vessel and for New Orleans have been shipped. Gives details of certain supplies to be furnished by various posts. L.B.C. 2:45-46 635

June 30 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Mackenzie has promised to consult firm in St. Louis about taking fancy beads left on hands of Geisse & Korckhauss. Crooks hopes the firm will take the beads. L.B.C. 2:47 636

July 1 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Report from Leipzig fair shows that red foxes sold poorly. Re demands for other skins. L.B.C. 2:42 637

July 1 -- Liverpool -- From Fisher Brothers & Co. (per A. Cameron)  
Goods of annexed invoice expected in time for next packet. 1p. 638

July 1 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Re invoice for blankets. This shipment is inferior in quality to those generally supplied to the Northwest and Hud-

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son's Bay Co. for Indian trade. The brisk demand of spring trade has caused an advance in prices. lp. 639

July 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Will transmit extract from letters of Sibley. Gives details of wrecked steamer; great loss of robes. Expect to have 20,000 robes to ship. Discuss the prices to charge for robes. Furs were shipped via Pittsburgh and the robes via New Orleans. 3p. (French) 640

July 2 -- Milwaukee -- Jean Letendre to Whetten (per Albert Fowler)

On the advice from Crooks, Letendre forwards power of attorney to Whetten to draw on the U.S. for funds for Letendre and children, which is to be placed to the credit of the Milwaukee Outfit. lp. 641

July 3 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud

Has received the packages for Mackenzie. lp. 642

July 3 -- New York -- Clapp to John Mager, New Orleans

Discusses insurance on certain shipment of furs. L.B.O. 2:48 643

July 4 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Invoice of total of 101 packs of furs. Describes the superior quality of the skins sent. Can be sent to London without being opened in New York. lp. 644

July 6 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt

Have received 20 bales of blankets from the Buffalo Manufacturing Co. Describes goods forwarded. Wish to settle for stick of logwood lost in 1834. 3p. 645

July 6 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Enclose abstract of account current. Are pleased that the Company's prospects at the interior posts are so satisfactory. Are preparing for the deer skin sale. 2p. 646

July 6 -- New York -- Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Re shipment of goods to be forwarded to Detroit. Re error in invoices. L.B.O. 2:49 647

July 7 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt

Can learn nothing about coopers. lp. 648

July 7 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Clapp

Describes goods shipped on different schooners. Have forwarded blankets. Crooks has passed thru Buffalo. 2p. 649

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July 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re enclosed draft. Have furs ready to ship. 1p. (French) 650

July 8 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry  
Has forwarded the remainder of the order for 300 rifles.  
Annexes bill of \$2718 and requests draft on Easton bank for it.  
1p. 651

July 8 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Encloses bill of lading for furs sent by Pratte, Chouteau  
& Co. 1p. 652

July 8 -- New York -- Whetten to J. Joseph Henry, Boulton  
Rifles have not yet arrived. It is very important that  
the remainder of the order reach the Company in time. L.B.C.  
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July 9 -- New York -- Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Crooks has departed for the interior. Encloses invoice  
and bill of lading for shipment of raccoons. L.B.C. 2:51 654

July 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Give details about enclosed drafts to be collected and  
credited on account. Have received 1100 parcels of robes from  
the Upper Missouri. 1p. (French) 655

July 10 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry  
Explains delay in the transportation of the rifles. 1p. 656

July 10 -- Detroit -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Arrived on the 7th; goes to Mackinac that day. Brewster  
has bought a large part of the furs offered at Detroit but the  
amount is less than the previous years. Re Ewing's taking  
skins to New York; Discusses the quality of their furs and the  
danger of buying from them. There is competition among buyers  
at Detroit. Re prospects of completion of the new schooner in  
process of building at St. Mary's. The goods for the Lake  
Superior and Mackinac posts delayed at Buffalo. It is desir-  
able to own a schooner to run between Buffalo and the upper  
lake, since the heavy competition for freight facilities causes  
delay and high prices. Blankets have been delivered by the  
Buffalo Manufacturing Co. Re payment for them and insurance  
and commissions on blankets for St. Louis and the Western Out-  
fit; there is no commission on those for Mackinac. Discusses  
sales of buffalo robes to be made certain individuals. Re-  
quests that accounts be made out and sent him with the excep-  
tion of the Detroit department; Dousman's and Sibley's accounts  
to be included. 3p. 657



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- July 10 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re furs received from Francis Ronaud and forwarded to New York. 1p. 658
- July 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re furs shipped via Pittsburgh. 1p. (French) 659
- July 11 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Annexes bill of lading for robes. 1p. 660
- July 13 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Describes assortment and valuation of recent shipments of deer skins. Re plans for public sales and stock of deer skins in London. Hudson's Bay Co. will offer at sale in August all their Columbia river furs. Has received few furs for autumn sales. 2p. 661
- July 14 -- Kaskaskia, Ill. -- From Menard & Vallé  
The bearer of letter, Mr. Menard of Texas, wishes to sell land he has acquired in the province of Texas. His titles are complete. 1p. 662
- July 14 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Enclose account of sales of deer skins. 1p. 663
- July 14 -- New York -- Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Is grateful to Merle & Co. for their efforts to have furs carefully stowed on vessels. The robes have not yet arrived. Grooks will be absent some months in the interior. L.B.C. 2:52 664
- July 15 -- Troy -- From David Ellis  
Re order for buffalo robes. 1p. 665
- July 15 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Indians will not be paid till goods reach Fort Winnebago. Blankets have been received. Criticizes sutler and Indian agent. 1p. 666
- July 15 -- New York -- Whetten to Brewster, Detroit  
Has received packing accounts; furs and skins have arrived in good order. Encloses invoices for goods. Gives directions about goods to be delivered to Chicago for the government. L.B.C. 2:53 667
- July 15 -- New York -- Whetten to J. Joseph Henty, Boulton  
The quality of the rifles is not satisfactory. Encloses check in payment of the rifles. L.B.C. 2:54 668
- July 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have forwarded missing pack of furs sent by Ronaud. En-

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- close letters to be forwarded to Paris. lp. 669
- July 17 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp  
Re furs received from Brewster and forwarded to the Com-  
pany. lp. 670
- July 17 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry  
Draft has been received in payment for rifles. Locks are  
hard to obtain. Discusses appearance of rifles. lp. 671
- July 17 -- Nelson -- From Lucius Dawson  
Wishes employment in collecting furs. lp. 672
- July 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co,  
Expect more robes from the upper Missouri. Desire a cata-  
log of sales. Enclose drafts. lp. (French) 673
- July 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re freight bill paid Pittsburgh Transportation Line for  
Company's goods. lp. 674
- July 17 -- New York -- Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Re shipment of goods to Chicago for the government; goods  
should be delivered as early as possible. L.B.C. 2:55 675
- July 17 -- New York -- Whetten to John H. Kinzie, Chicago  
Encloses invoice for goods which are to be delivered to  
the government agent at Chicago by August 15. L.B.C. 2:56 676
- July 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Invoice of 120 packs of furs sent. Crooks knew of the  
Chouteau loss before he left Detroit. lp. 677
- July 18 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp  
Packs from Detroit are arriving. Will forward the rac-  
coons to London. Gives a detailed report regarding the London  
fur market. Government goods have been dispatched. Describes  
deer skin sale. Re difficulties of transportation to the  
Lakes. Exchange on London continues high. Re remittances.  
3p. 678
- July 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
Has received robes and furs. Regrets loss of steamboat  
and cargo of robes. Crooks thinks this reduction in quantity  
may warrant an increase in price. States opinions about pri-  
ces. Describes sale of furs and skins at auction. L.B.C. 2:  
57-58 679
- July 18 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp  
Packs are arriving from Detroit. Is preparing for London

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shipments. Ewing has not yet arrived. Is pleased that Brewster is likely to get a fair share of the good skins. London report of Hudson's Bay Co.'s beaver sale shows slight advance; Columbia river ship has reached London with 24,000 skins. Re Lampson's valuation of deer skins. The goods for the government have been shipped to Chicago. Describes the Company's deer skin sale of July 17. L.B.C. 2:59-61 680

July 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Encloses bill of lading and invoices for shipment of raccoons. Hopes these skins arrive for the autumn sales. Is expecting further shipments of Detroit raccoons. L.B.C. 2:62 681

July 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
The present year's collection of beaver is not yet definitely known. Expects the average returns of furs and skins. Will follow directions in regard to the deer skins. Re shipments of raccoons. Halsey & Co. will send report of the Company's deer skin sale. Exchange with England is still high. L.B.C. 2:63 682

July 18 -- Mackinac -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Discusses clearing up of the charges brought by the Indian Agent of the use of liquors in the trading of 1833. Reports on returns from the departments in the west -- many packs are not in. Re the launching of the Company's new schooner. Is going to St. Mary's on the 25th. "Michigan" expected from Buffalo on the 23rd with letters from Clapp. Forgot copy of complete list of order of entering furs and skins in the books in New York -- to be sent to certain outfits. Two bills of exchange of Gov. Simpson of Hudson Bay Co. enclosed -- to be credited to Aitken. 3p. 683

July 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re robes shipped via New Orleans. 1p. (French) 684

July 19 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Has sent goods for the Northern Outfit. Will send strouds to Chicago. Received department supplies; those for Lake Superior arrived. Received 20 bales of blankets from Buffalo. Encloses order for goods. [Not enclosed] Crooks is at Mackinac. 1p. 685

July 20 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Hon. Elbert Herring, Washington  
Encloses corrected power-of-attorney for the amount allowed Letendre under the treaty of 1833. Requests that a remittance be made. L.B.C. 2:64 686

July 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
The stock of deer skins is now about 60,000. Will have

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sales soon. Prospects for raccoon and bear skins are not favorable. Will endeavor to keep Crooks informed about market conditions. Information about collections in the Indian country is important to Lampson. lp. 687

July 22 -- New Orleans -- From John Mager  
Encloses insurance policy for 21 casks of furs shipped in November. Made error about the amount of insurance; should be \$4000 instead of \$1850. lp. 688

July 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of robes. lp. (French) 689

July 24 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp  
Has forwarded accounts which Crooks requested. Pratte, Chouteau & Co. will forward robes and beaver. lp. 690

July 24 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Re draft drawn on Wildes & Co. L.B.C. 2:65 691

July 25 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp  
Encloses copy of accounts requested by Crooks. Expects definite views of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. regarding the prices of robes. L.B.C. 2:66 692

July 25 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
St. Louis  
Requests definite instructions about the manner of selling robes. Crooks will not return in time to arrange for the autumn sales. Is pleased that boats from the upper Missouri arrived safely. L.B.C. 2:68 693

July 25 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Henry Newman, Albany  
Encloses bill for deer skins. L.B.C. 2:69 694

July 25 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp  
Furs have been received from Brewster and forwarded. Have arranged to ship powder and goods to Chicago. Have engaged a stateroom for Halseys on the boat for the upper lakes. 2p. 695

July 27 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
Invoice of furs has been sent; also one of deerskins and elk skins from Saginaw. Wishes Saginaw sales kept separate. Bought lot of furs from Comparet & Coquillard. lp. 696

July 27 -- Office Indian Affairs -- Elbert Herring to John B. Whetten  
Discusses power of attorney for claims of Letendre's children and for Angelique Juneau. lp. 697

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Aug. 1 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis

The first shipment of Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s skins sold at London above valuation. The London market is highly favorable for fine deer skins. Has shipped raccoons. Drafts have been honored. L.B.C. 2:78 716

Aug. 1 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for robes. Robes were stowed between decks. 1p. 717

Aug. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Agree with Crooks's opinion about prices to be placed on robes. Hops the Company can obtain some profit by shipment to England of poor deer skins. Enclose draft to be collected. 2p. (French) 718

Aug. 3 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Has bought a big lot of furs from Compagnet & Coquillard. His contract with Les is legally sustained. 1p. 719

Aug. 5 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster

Skins have arrived promptly. Will keep the Saginaw returns separate. All raccoons have been shipped. The London market is decidedly favorable for fine deer skins. Halsey has set out for the Lake region. L.B.C. 2:79 720

Aug. 5 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Beaver has not arrived from Pittsburgh. Returns from the north will amount to the average quantity. L.B.C. 2:80 721

Aug. 5 -- London -- From O. M. Lampson

The last sale of deer skins showed high prices; sales distributed among many buyers. Discusses prices. Desires to sell all the Company's skins before the arrival of the autumn collections from Detroit and the West. No fur buyers have yet arrived; no doubt of dull sale. Cutters are not doing much business and show no disposition to alter prices. 2p. 722

Aug. 6 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Encloses memorandum of entries to be made in books. Franck writes that schooner is safely launched. 1p. 723

Aug. 6 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Re success of Lampson's deer skin sale. Favorable prospects are reported from London. Describes robes that are being shipped. 1p. 724

Aug. 6 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

At Lampson's sale, deer skins sold above valuation. The prospects in London are favorable for fine skins. Cod lines

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for Abbott had to be made. Re filling of orders for robes.  
Has given Heacock a note in payment for blankets. L.B.C. 2:81  
725

Aug. 6 -- Mackinac -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Is leaving for St. Mary's and LaPointe. Re furnishing  
Collector of district with affidavit of ownership of new ves-  
sel. When in Mackinac, Mackenzie promised to deliver goods for  
the government at Chicago. Re certificate of delivery. En-  
closes power of attorney. Discusses Baubien's working in  
Chicago. The trade there is to be closed after payments and  
disposition of stock. A number of Western Outfit packages ar-  
rived, but without account. Indian Agent has complied in fa-  
cilitating Lake Superior operations. Sewell is to remain in  
Mackinac to help Abbott -- business is heavy. Dousman is es-  
tablished in Milwaukee. Abbott will transmit memorandum of  
entries to be made in New York books to accord with those of  
Northern Department. New vessel is safely launched. Re form  
of affidavit for ownership of vessel -- to be sworn to, and  
sent to Collector of district of Michilamackinac. 3p. 726

Aug. 6 -- Treasury Department -- W. B. Lewis to John B.  
Whetten  
Whetten's power of attorney is suspended for a time. 1p.  
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Aug. 7 -- Treasury Department -- From W. B. Lewis  
Encloses balance due Angélique Juneau, according to the  
terms agreed upon. 1p. 728

Aug. 8 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Give number of packs in recent shipment. A few packs  
were very inferior. Have received furs and robes from St.  
Louis. 2p. 729

Aug. 10 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp  
Have forwarded blankets received from the Buffalo Manu-  
facturing Co. to Chouteau & Co. 1p. 730

Aug. 10 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
43 packs of furs sent from Saginaw outfit; to be kept  
separate. Has also sent 154 packs deer and 154 packs muskrat.  
1p. 731

Aug. 10 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Is pleased that goods for Chicago have been dispatched.  
Re shipment of goods for Abbott and for Franchère. L.B.C. 2:82  
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Aug. 11 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
Explains request to keep Saginaw fur sales separate. 1p.  
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Aug. 11 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Auguste P. Chouteau,  
Fort Gibson, Ark.

Describes sale of Chouteau's skins; net proceeds have been remitted to Siter, Price & Co. Prospects abroad for fine deer skins are very favorable. L.B.C. 2:83 734

Aug. 11 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Drew arrived on Aug. 10. Will learn all possible about Drew's affairs. Bill of exchange from Gov. Simpson for \$300 is received. Gives details about quantity of robes forwarded from St. Louis. Has received two bales sample blankets from Gotts. Hears much talk about the scarcity of money. Drew professes great friendliness toward the Company and speaks very confidently of success and prosperity of his establishment at Mackinac. Is preparing deer skins for shipment. 2p. 735

Aug. 11 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia

Re receipt of furs and skins. Encloses check to be credited to A. P. Chouteau. L.B.C. 2:84 736

Aug. 11 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Joseph Rolette,  
Prairie du Chien

Rolette will have seen Crooks at Mackinac; letter requires no reply. Annexes invoice for blankets. L.B.C. 2:85 737

Aug. 11 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gabriel Branchere,  
Sault Ste. Marie

Annexes invoice for merchandise ordered by Crooks for Northern Outfit. L.B.C. 2:86 738

Aug. 11 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Crooks, Mackinac

[The body of letter is entirely faded out] L.B.C. 2:87- 739  
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Aug. 11 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- To Benjamin Clapp

New vessel, "John Jacob Astor", sails on the 15th; Crooks and Jones will go in her. Season's experience convinced him of great disadvantage of depending on ships of others for the Company's business. Requests matter of another schooner be brought before Directors. Jones will undertake job; he is going to New York within the month. 2p. 740

Aug. 12 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp

Re furs received from Brewster and forwarded. 1p. 741

Aug. 12 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for robes and furs. Give details of difficulty in shipping. 2p. 742

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Aug. 12 -- New York -- S. Stinson (Quarter Master's Office) to John B. Whetten

Re paying for the use of Fort Ganswoort for the storage of peltries. 2p. 743

Aug. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Have received check from the Company for account of A. P. Chouteau of Arkansas. The pack referred to in the letter from J. C. Halsey & Co. was lost between St. Louis and Pittsburgh. Statement of furs that were received and forwarded. 1p. 744

Aug. 12 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to John Letendre, Milwaukee

Encloses letter from the Second Auditor requiring evidence of Letendre's authority to receive claims for his children. L.B.C. 2:86 745

Aug. 13 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Has sent lac du Flambeau supplies to Jno. Lawe to forward. Rix Robinson is in Mackinac, Rolette at Green Bay. 150 packs of muskrats were received from the Western Outfit. 1p. 746

Aug. 13 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Wildes & Co. will forward account of sales of deer skins. Some poor parcels of deer skins sold well. The fur catalogs will be put out next week. Describes fur stock now in London; there is less than last autumn except red fox skins. 2p. 747

Aug. 13 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

The price for robes is not yet decided. The whole quantity of robes is now about 15000. Discusses proposed prices. Business is slack; there is nothing doing in the fur market. Sample blankets from Leeds have arrived for Mackenzie. L.B.C. 2:89 748

Aug. 14 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Has shipped goods to be forwarded to Abbott. Requests that woolen manufacturing company send a report of blankets delivered. L.B.C. 2:90 749

Aug. 14 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Hope that the prospects of furs may be better in the spring. Enclose an account of the sales of deer skins. Detroit skins will arrive too late for the August sales. 2p. 750

Aug. 15 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Encloses a statement of furs packed at Mackinac during the summer. Has received 300 packs from the Western Outfit; expects 300 more. 1p. 751



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- Aug. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Re difference in accounts. Will ship Detroit deer skins  
on the next packet. Re drafts drawn. Reports from Crooks in  
the interior are satisfactory. L.B.C. 2:91 752
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Cary, Fletcher & Co.,  
Liverpool  
The goods shipped by Gott & Sons have arrived. Annexes  
a statement of account. L.B.C. 2:92 753
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
Leeds  
Blankets may not be reported on until after return of  
Crooks. Annexes a statement of account. L.B.C. 2:93 754
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Samuel Abbott, Macki-  
nac  
Encloses invoices for blankets, sundries, etc. The rifles  
which were rejected in the contract for the government are in-  
cluded in the shipment to Abbott. Encloses a certified copy of  
the account of J. B. Portra, taken from the old books. L.B.C.  
2:94 755
- Aug. 15 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- To Benjamin Clapp  
States further reasons for building a Company vessel.  
Discusses provisional arrangements made with Jones. Holiday  
has returned to Ance Quinvinan. Expects letter from Clapp, but  
may sail before the Buffalo steamer arrives. 2p. 756
- Aug. 16 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Sends a list of drafts collectable. 1p. 757
- Aug. 16 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Forwards a letter to Crooks by Halsey. 2p. 758
- Aug. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Are gratified at the favorable change in the London deer  
skin market. Mention fears about delay in receiving robes from  
the upper Missouri. The river is very low. 1p. (French) 759
- Aug. 19 -- Boston -- James Boyd to the American Fur Company  
Wishes information about prices, terms, etc. for robes.  
1p. 760
- Aug. 19 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp  
Describe goods forwarded. Have forwarded furs. 1p. 761
- Aug. 19 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp  
The goods for Abbott have been dispatched. Discusses the  
delay of shipment from St. Louis via Pittsburgh. 1p. 762

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Aug. 19 -- Buffalo -- From S. G. Heacock  
Annexes a bill for goods ordered May 14. Encloses Barker  
& Holt's receipts. 1p. 763

Aug. 19 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Will give careful attention to Detroit raccoons. 1p. 764

Aug. 19 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp  
Drew expects to leave soon. It appears that Drew was recommended to Suydam, Sage & Co. by Stuart; Drew seemed to obtain all he wanted. Some St. Louis packs are delayed on route from Pittsburgh. L.B.C. 2:95 765

Aug. 19 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
Delay of goods en route via Pittsburgh is most extraordinary. Expects business will soon become active. L.B.C. 2:96 766

Aug. 19 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster, Detroit  
Is shipping deer skins to London. Cannot render account of the sales of 1834 purchases of furs, until all are disposed of. Business is inactive; expects a revival soon. L.B.C. 2:97 767

Aug. 19 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Encloses invoice and bill of lading for shipment of Detroit deer skins. L.B.C. 2:96 768

Aug. 20 -- Washington -- From John Campbell (Treasurer)  
Encloses warrant with order for payment. 1p. 769

Aug. 22 -- La Pointe -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Re sail from Sault and the "J. J. Astor's" successful journey. Has landed cargo and loaded furs and skins of last year's trade. Re skins to be sent by Abbott from Mackinac to New York. The skins of the different outfits are to be kept separate and sorted. Hopes the directors will allow a public sale; as many muskrats as possible are to be sold. All the furs from the Western Outfit except buffalos are to go to New York. Discusses new establishment at La Pointe. Holiday is almost blind. Aitken at Sandy Lake is investigating the report that Myra [Miree ?] and Baker had gone into the Chippewa country with an outfit in opposition to the Company. States the prospects of business in the coming winter. The prospects for the fisheries are good at La Pointe. There is need for early supplies and another vessel on Lake Erie. Discusses Jones's plans, projected visit to New York and the wages promised. Desires information about the subject, so if a new vessel is to

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be built, he may engage a captain. Goes to St. Mary's in 10 or 12 days. 4p. 770

Aug. 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Re date of fur sales. Gives details of cargo of raccoon in bad order. Expects Hudson's Bay Co.'s beaver sale to show an advance in prices. Consumption of beaver in England at present has been very large. The deer skin sale is fixed for Sept. 10; Lampson expects to sell all the skins on hand. 2p. 771

Aug. 22 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren

Schooner will leave for the Sault, Aug. 23, laden with furs, peltries and castor. Nothing certain can be said of the prospects for the following year. Fears provisions will be scarce in the interior. 1p. 772

Aug. 22 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Boyd, Boston

Re quantity and prices of buffalo robes. Is not ready to deliver robes. L.B.C. 2:99 773

Aug. 22 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London

Regrets that skins arrived in bad order. Has enlarged the warehouse so as to have better facilities for assorting the skins. Has received some returns from Detroit. Will forward the deer skins first. L.B.C. 2:100 774

Aug. 22 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Fine furs are arriving from Detroit. Has received report of the deer skin sale from Lampson. Will forward deer skins soon. L.B.C. 2:101 775

Aug. 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Invoice of 67 packs of raccoons which were sent Aug. 22; and of 47 packs of furs sent Aug. 15; with average cost of packs. 1p. 776

Aug. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Annex memorandum of goods to be imported from England and France. Fear for robes expected from the upper Missouri. 2p. (French) 777

Aug. 25 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Will watch Baudette. Is repacking Rolette's skins; Rolette declined an offer for them. Tents on hand. Has received 250 packs from Rolette. Advance of 77 1/2 per cent on Sterling and 15 per cent on New York goods. 1p. 778

Aug. 25 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Has shipped 239 packs to the care of Barker & Holt. 1p. 779

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- Aug. 25 -- Sault Ste. Marie. -- From Gabriel Franchere  
An order for sundries is annexed. Will ship furs at once  
on their receipt. lp. 780
- Aug. 25 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
There has been no decrease in the price of woollens. lp. 781
- Aug. 26 -- Philadelphia -- Smith & Brown to John B. Whetten  
Offer of wild cat paper is too high. lp. 782
- Aug. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
The skins forwarded from Pittsburgh are in a damaged condition; advises that the damage be settled before the freight is paid. L.B.C. 2:102 783
- Aug. 28 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Furs arrived too late for sale; furs shipped on Aug. 1 will always be too late. The shipment received from Halsey's is badly damaged. Encloses marked catalog of Hudson's Bay Co. beaver sale which resulted in higher prices than last year's sales. The demand for furs is larger than usual. Otters sold more readily than any other article at the Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. 2p. 784
- Aug. 29 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Glapp  
Re forwarding of furs and goods. lp. 785
- Aug. 29 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Sends packing account of furs forwarded. lp. 786
- Aug. 29 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Is pleased that reports from the interior posts continue satisfactory. The Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale will have little effect on what is to follow. lp. 787
- Aug. 30 -- New York -- Benjamin Glapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
Is delayed in preparing deer skins for shipment. Is shipping some fine raccoons. Discusses beaver returns. Muskrats will be abundant; expects continued low prices. The Company expects to continue the practice of holding semi-annual public sales. L.B.C. 2:103 788
- Aug. 31 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Glapp.  
Give details of furs forwarded. lp. 789
- Aug. 31 -- Paris -- From Draper & Co.  
Enclose invoice for sample blankets manufactured in France. Hope to do business with the Company. lp. 790

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- Aug. 31 -- Havre -- Emerson & Norwood to the Company  
Enclose bill of lading for package forwarded at the order  
of Draper & Co. lp. 791
- Aug. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Explains an error in the account of the sales of the deer  
skins. Encloses invoice and bill of lading for raccoons  
shipped. Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 2:104 792
- Sept. 1 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
Sends invoice of 65 packs of furs and 5 casks of bees wax.  
Gives expenses of purchases for the season. Remarks on the  
quality of skins sent. lp. 793
- Sept. 1 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Is glad that Crooks is pleased with the "Astor". The av-  
erage price for pickerel is \$2 less per barrel than for white-  
fish. Has sent a pair of oxen to Franchere. The total of  
furs sent is 758 bales; has others on hand. Heavy payments  
are due October 1. lp. 794
- Sept. 1 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
The "Astor" is loading for Lapointe. The "Monroe" has ar-  
rived. There are errors on the bill of lading of goods re-  
ceived. Pier is to be sunk next year. Berthkeht and Cadotte  
say that Aitken took brandy to the Indian country. Discusses  
manner of keeping accounts. 4p. 795
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. C. Pierce, St.  
Johns  
Encloses invoice of robes, to be forwarded to Vallée,  
Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 2:105 796
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Joseph Rolette,  
Prairie du Chien  
Has renewed insurance on the property at Prairie du Chien.  
L.B.C. 2:106 797
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Samuel Abbott,  
Mackinac.  
Abbott's shipment of peltries is not yet received. Dis-  
cusses Drew's obtaining of credit in New York. The market is  
dull. Muskrats will remain low; expects beaver to be lower  
than during the past two years. L.B.C. 2:107 798
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
Does not expect any material change in the London market.  
Furs shipped via Pittsburgh have arrived in damaged condition.  
Will begin delivery of robes soon. Discusses the market pros-  
pects for skins. L.B.C. 2:108 799

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Sept. 3 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Astor seems much pleased with compliment paid him in naming the new lake schooner. Abbott has shipped packs from Mackinac. Discusses delay of robes from the upper Missouri in reaching St. Louis. The market is quiet. The Board approves of the Company's owning a schooner on the lower lakes.

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Sept. 3 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Describes forwarding of goods. L.B.C. 2:110

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Sept. 3 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Certificates of ownership in the new schooner will be sent to Collector Wendell. Has no report of the arrival of goods at Chicago. Astor seems much pleased that the schooner was named for him. Is ready to begin the delivery of robes. Describes the condition of the fur market. Is highly desirable that the Company own a vessel on the lower lakes. L.B.C. 2:111

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Sept. 3 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster, Detroit

Shipment of peltries has arrived in good condition. The prospects in London for fine deer skins are considered good. Re London sales. Otters are selling well but rats are unsaleable. Large buyer of raccoons for the Russian market is in difficulty in getting his skins into the country; Clapp thinks the German dealers are responsible, as they have much opposed the Russian buyer at the London sales. L.B.C. 2:112

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Sept. 3 -- London -- From O. M. Lampson

The sale has been postponed. Root of New York is in London; he owns about 20,000 skins in the hands of Messrs. Rows. lp.

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Sept. 4 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Encloses bill for shipment of robes. The entire supply of robes is not yet received. L.B.C. 2:113

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Sept. 5 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Jones is leaving for New York and Brewster thinks it is advisable to set men to getting out ship timber at once. Jones will send needed tools to Detroit. The Company must have respectable interest in vessels and build others. lp.

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Sept. 5 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

The Western Outfit packs will be sent to New York, as soon as they are completed. Rolette's furs will be sold in New York. lp.

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- Sept. 7 -- Montreal -- From L. A. Demers & Co.  
Give detailed order for robes. lp. 808
- Sept. 7 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Requests some robes be sent by the first packet. Expects to be in New York soon. lp. 809
- Sept. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re enclosed draft. Barque laden with robes was damaged on the river; expect bargues to arrive soon. lp. (French) 810
- Sept. 7 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. lp. 811
- Sept. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Will order goods from England and France. Robes have arrived. Encloses invoices for blankets manufactured at Buffalo and of sample blankets from England for Mackenzie. The report of Lampson's sale is very gratifying. L.B.C. 2:114 812
- Sept. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
Has received catalogs of deer skin sale; is particularly well pleased with the results. L.B.C. 2:115 813
- Sept. 8 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp  
Describes furs received from Abbott. Inquire for certain bill of lading for 1831. 2p. 814
- Sept. 8 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
Brewster approves the Company's building a schooner on Lake Erie next winter. Advises persons with whom the Company does business in Buffalo to have a small interest in the Company's vessels. Brewster wants 2 vessels built and one quarter of each to be shared by a Buffalo house. lp. 815
- Sept. 8 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Discusses errors in records of shipments. Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 2:116 816
- Sept. 9 -- Boston -- James Boyd to John B. Whetten  
Gives details of plans for purchasing robes. lp. 817
- Sept. 9 -- La Pointe -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Lack of time prevents full answer to last letter. Indian goods are on the way. Lac du Flambeau people are on their 45 mile portage. Folleavoine and Lac Courtoreille people leave in a week. Need of provisions for first trip prevents bringing any Indian goods. Discusses Holiday's trip to New York. Gives

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instructions to Clapp. Wild rice crop is good. Expects many bears to be taken in the coming fall. The prospects of the fishing business are good; fall and spring returns to test business as an item of profit. Gives details of completed fur returns of the region. Is sorry Mackenzie made him price the buffalo robes. Is going to Sault; hopes to send the date of his return to New York. 4p. 818

Sept. 9 -- La Pointe -- To Benjamin Clapp

Letter introduces Holiday who goes to New York with his laughter to see an oculist. His expenses are to be charged to the account of the Northern Outfit. 2p. 819

Sept. 9 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Encloses duplicate catalog of fur sale. The results of the sale are much as Lampson expected. Discusses prices and quality of furs. Furriers are dull and low spirited. 2p. 820

Sept. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Enclose memorandum of merchandise which should be ordered early. Give directions about drafts on account of the Western Outfit which ought to be drawn on Astor. 1p. (French) 821

Sept. 9 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren

Hopes to send off supplies to Outfits at once. Roussain is to take charge of Ance Department. Has decided to send Holiday to New York. Has shipped some furs and skins. 2p. 822

Sept. 10 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Rix Robinson has left with his outfit; Juneau and Lawe have not arrived. Campeau's goods are on the way to Grand River. Payment of Indians at Chicago began Sept. 3. John C. Halsey and son are in town. 1p. 823

Sept. 10 -- La Pointe -- To Benjamin Clapp

Clapp is to pay Messrs. Cary Lea and Blanchard for certain periodicals of Borup. This is to be charged to Borup's account. Re another vessel on the lake. On the last voyage of the "Astor" a sailor and mate were lost overboard; mate was recovered. 2p. 824

Sept. 10 -- Baltimore -- Jacob Rogers & Son to Whetten

Order for raccoon skins for private use is sent. 1p. 825

Sept. 12 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Raccoon at Rows's sale sold lower than at previous sales. Sales altogether have been dull; expects better prices in the spring. Less quantity of raccoons have been taken to Leipsic. Stock of minks is too large. Lampson's deer skins sold at fine prices. Encloses catalog. 826



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- Sept. 12 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Jacob Rogers & Son,  
Baltimore  
Will fill order for raccoons soon. L.B.C. 2:117 827
- Sept. 12 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Demers & Co., Mon-  
treal  
Due to the loss of a large quantity of the season's supply  
of robes, the Company will not be able to furnish any to Demers.  
L.B.C. 2:118 828
- Sept. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of robes. lp. (French) 829
- Sept. 14 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Are glad that deer skins are likely to meet a better mar-  
ket than was anticipated. lp. 830
- Sept. 14 -- New York --  
Memorandum of allotment of robes, and terms of sale:  
Stocking & Hunt, 33 packs  
Josiah Bellows, 35 packs  
Elbridge Brown, 35 packs  
Terms: \$4.75 at 90 days. L.B.C. 2:119 831
- Sept. 15 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Drew is in Mackinac with goods. Has received 600 packs  
from the Western Outfit. Part of the goods from New York has  
arrived. Halsey has gone to Green Bay, Chicago, etc.; is  
expected back. lp. 832
- Sept. 15 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp  
Approves of the employment of Jones to build a schooner.  
Re receipt of Missouri robes. Has not enough robes to fill the  
orders. Will fill Franchere's order for goods. lp. 833
- Sept. 15 -- Chicago -- John H. Kinzie to John B. Whetten  
Encloses a copy of invoice of goods received by U.S.  
Quarter Master. Obtain payment from the government. lp. 834
- Sept. 15 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
There were inferior robes in recent shipment. lp. 835
- Sept. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Boyd, Boston  
The Company is ready to deliver robes and will allow Boyd  
his share. L.B.C. 2:120 836
- Sept. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Stocking & Dart,  
Buffalo  
The Company can furnish 30 packs of robes at \$4.75 per  
pack. Wishes directions about shipping. L.B.C. 2:121 837

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Sept. 15 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Discusses proposal for building a vessel on the lower lakes. Whetten is delivering robes. Only 15000 robes have been received. Customers are much disappointed in not receiving full supply. Furs and skins from Lake Superior have not arrived. Will attend to Franchere's order for goods. The Company is now occupying its new store. L.B.C. 2:122 838

Sept. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds

Encloses order for goods which are to be shipped from Liverpool in November. It is important that he have these goods early. L.B.C. 2:123 839

Sept. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Encloses order for goods for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Requests that this order be filled early. Has sent order for woolens to Gotts. Other orders will be forwarded after Crooks's return from the interior. Returns from the northern country have not yet arrived. L.B.C. 2:124 840

Sept. 16 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster, Detroit

Gives details of package of goods for new schooner to be forwarded with all possible speed. L.B.C. 2:125 841

Sept. 16 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Encloses receipt for packages to be forwarded to St. Mary's promptly. L.B.C. 2:126 842

Sept. 16 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie

Will attend to order for goods at once. Annexes invoice for articles ordered for the schooner. Directions were given to Barker & Holt and to Brewster to forward packages. L.B.C. 2:127 843

Sept. 17 -- Boston -- From Elbridge Brown

Requests that robes be forwarded. lp. 844

Sept. 17 -- Utica -- Stocking & Hunt to John B. Whetten

Regret that the Company cannot furnish entire order of robes. Ask for 4 months' credit on robes supplied by the Company. lp. 845

Sept. 18 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows

Accepts offer of the Company regarding robes. lp. 846

Sept. 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Encloses bill for robes. Will send additional robes if a

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- new supply is received      State terms of payment.      L.B.C. 2:128  
847
- Sept. 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to David Stone, Dayton  
Encloses bill for robes. The terms of payment are alike  
in all cases.      L.B.C. 2:129      848
- Sept. 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to J. C. Pierce, St.  
Johns  
Encloses invoice for 45 packs of robes to be forwarded to  
Vallee, Boyer & Co.      L.B.C. 2:129      849
- Sept. 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to David Knight, Ports-  
mouth, New Hampshire  
Re shipment of robes and amount of the bill.      L.B.C. 2:130  
850
- Sept. 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Barnard, Adams & Co.,  
Boston  
Encloses bill of lading for robes to be forwarded to David  
Stone. Has drawn draft for the amount of the bill.      L.B.C. 2:  
130      851
- Sept. 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Encloses invoices and bills of lading for shipments of  
furs. Has no reports from the interior.      L.B.C. 2:131      852
- Sept. 19 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Sends statement of Western Outfit furs to be sold in New  
York. Swans wings to be sold at public auction.      lp.      853
- Sept. 19 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp  
Describes furs received from Franchere and forwarded.      lp.  
854
- Sept. 21 -- Boston -- Barnard, Adams & Co. to Benjamin Clapp  
Have received the bill of lading for robes. Draft for the  
cost of robes is under acceptance.      lp.      855
- Sept. 22 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Is shipping 500 packs of Western Outfit furs to the care  
of Barker & Holt.      lp.      856
- Sept. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Duncan Lamont  
Requests Crooks to forward packets of letters and papers  
to Buenos Aires. Annexes an announcement of the dissolution of  
the Powell firm in St. Louis and the organization of Powell  
Lamont & Co.      3p.      857
- Sept. 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Will give attention to new consignments of skins.      Deer

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skins are in great demand on the continent. Re prices of beaver and musquash. Nutria skins are likely to prevent advance in musquash prices. lp. 858

Sept. 22 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Will honor draft drawn by the Company. Explains error in account. lp. 859

Sept. 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Robes have been damaged on canal route from Pittsburgh. Robes received from Black Feet are superior brand. Fear many robes will arrive too late for shipment. Are pleased with the advance in deer skin prices. 2p. (French) 860

Sept. 23 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Vallée, Boyer & Co

Regrets that robes are not satisfactory. Robes were selected from the best lot that the Company had. Re accounts. L.B.C. 2:132 861

Sept. 23 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Byron Greenough, Portland

Encloses bill for robes. States terms of payment. L.B.C. 2:133 862

Sept. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Has received account of the sales of deer skins, which are quite satisfactory. Lampson has reported damaged skins. A good part of the furs from the north have reached Buffalo. Will have semi-annual auction sale, Oct. 1. L.B.C. 2:134 863

Sept. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London

Has received an account of the sales from Wildes & Co. Discusses the prospects for auction on Oct. 1. The abundance and low price of coney will keep down the price of muskrats. Furs from Lake Superior have reached Buffalo. L.B.C. 2:135 864

Sept. 25 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Juneau has sent books but is not coming to Mackinac; he wishes to make other arrangements with the Company. Lawe is expected. Drew has opened another retail store. Has sent all Western Outfit packs but the robes. Chapman has gone to Milwaukee from Sault; Holiday is in Mackinac. Crooks must leave Lapointe for Mackinac as soon as possible. Halsey is expected. lp. 865

Sept. 25 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Will attend to order for domestic goods. Loubat is unable to furnish blankets for a year; all white blankets had to be ordered from England. Will collect bill on the Secretary of

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War. Hopes the remainder of the robes will arrive soon. L.B.C. 2:136 866

Sept. 25 -- Utica -- Stocking & Hunt to John B. Whetten  
Have not yet received invoice of robes ordered. Customers are awaiting arrival of the robes. lp. 867

Sept. 26 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp  
The weather is bad for lake shipping. Describe furs forwarded. lp. 868

Sept. 26 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Is glad Crooks approves of the "Astor". Has spoken to Capt. Lundy about commanding a vessel for the Company. Will defer trip to Buffalo till Crooks arrives. lp. 869

Sept. 26 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp  
Jones, the boat builder, has arrived; Crooks's suggestions will be carried into full effect. Jones will meet Crooks in the interior and arrange all details for building the vessel. Crooks is to secure a competent captain to sail the vessel. Re advice from St. Louis that 7000 robes are still up the Missouri. Robes on hand are nearly all delivered. Money is difficult to obtain from the banks. Has no report of the delivery of the government goods at Chicago. Is forwarding Franchere's goods. L.B.C. 2:137 870

Sept. 26 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster, Detroit

All Detroit furs have arrived. Does not fear any profit on muskrats. Astor has sold his entire stock of skins to a dealer. Semi-annual sale will take place on Oct. 1. Recent sales of deer skins in London have gone off extremely well, and skins have paid handsomely. Most of the Lake Superior packs are at hand. Re arrangements for building vessel on the lower lakes. Jones is now in New York to select building materials. L.B.C. 2:138 871

Sept. 26 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Re merchandise to be forwarded to Franchere. Re route of shipment. L.B.C. 2:139 872

Sept. 26 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Jones, the boat-builder, has arrived in New York. Will carry out Crooks's directions about the boat; the materials will be sent up as soon as possible. Crooks is to secure the services of a competent master to sail the vessel. Brewster has recommended that the Company should control two vessels. St. Louis has learned of 7000 robes still up the Missouri. Robes from Lake Superior have arrived but no packing accounts.

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Money is scarce. Goods for Franchere will go forward. lp. 873

Sept. 26 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau

Juneau has been at Chicago attending the Indian payment. Will forward power-of-attorney for Angelique Juneau and Jean Letendre. lp. 874

Sept. 26 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud

Has forwarded robes as directed by the Chouteaus. lp. 875

Sept. 28 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Col. Henry Stanton, Q.M., U.S.A.

Shipment of goods two days late was occasioned by time occupied in inspection; the Company was not responsible. L.B.C. 2:140 876

Sept. 29 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp

Halsey goes to New York and will give local news. Hopes to hear soon of all the sales in London. Arrival of certain packages is noted. lp. 877

Sept. 29 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp

Re furs received. lp. 878

Sept. 29 -- New York -- From Henry Stanton

The delay in shipment of Indian supplies was not the fault of the Government. lp. 879

Sept. 29 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Enclose an account of sales. lp. 880

Sept. 29 & 30 -- St. Mary's -- From Gabriel Franchere

Has sent to Mackinac for shot and other articles. Four missionaries go up in the schooner this trip. Sends order for Labelle. Has made shipment of food to Brewster and Baraga. Has sent 10 packs of furs and 74 barrels of fish to Detroit. Has discharged James Barbeau but retains Pierre Barbeau. The average was \$8 1/3 for fish sent last to Detroit. Gives directions as to the methods of packing fish. Complaint of Berthkeht against Aitkin. A rumor says that Berthkeht tried to get a license with Cadotte to go to the Indian country for Hulburt. 6p. 881

Sept. 30 -- Lake Erie -- From John C. Halsey

Regrets not seeing Crooks. Is much pleased with the Green Bay region. Makes suggestions about the management of the Company's store at Mackinac. Thinks the fish business ought to prove profitable. 3p. 882

Sept. 30 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Josiah Bellows, Walpole

Encloses bill for robes which have been forwarded to Hart-

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- ford. States terms of payment. L.B.O. 2:141 883
- Sept. 30 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Averill & Prior,  
Hartford  
Encloses bill of lading for robes consigned to Josiah  
Bellows. L.B.O. 2:141 884
- Oct. 1 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Ship is expected to start to-day. Has given permission for  
one bottle of wine for Cobbs for sacrament. 885
- Oct. 1 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
The Company's goods have arrived and will be sent to St.  
Louis on the first boat. Have robes ready to forward. lp. 886
- Oct. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose invoice for skins shipped. Have collected drafts  
as directed. Covers for buffalo robes have arrived; these cost  
more than the covers from France. Re order for merchandise.  
lp. (French) 887
- Oct. 1 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Gabriel Franchere,  
St. Mary's  
Encloses invoice of goods for the Northern Outfit. Re 1-  
tems in the order which were not filled. L.B.O. 2:142 888
- Oct. 1 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster, De-  
troit  
Encloses marked catalog of the Company's sale. Jones has  
selected materials for the vessel to be built on Lake Erie.  
Jones will leave Oct. 2; expects to meet Crooks at Detroit, and  
complete arrangements about the vessel. The Company is fairly  
well pleased with the result of the sale. Requests Brewster to  
forward the catalogs to Abbott, Rolette and Franchere. L.B.O.  
2:143 889
- Oct. 2 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Requests information about the robes ordered. lp. 890
- Oct. 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Carey, Lea & Co.  
Horp has directed that bill for medical journals be sent  
to the Company. Request remittance of the amount of enclosed  
bill. lp. 891
- Oct. 2 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
The Company is gratified that the robes have reached St.  
Louis at last. Advises that the robes be forwarded as soon as  
possible. Encloses marked catalog of the sale; re prices at  
sale. L.B.O. 2:144 892

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Oct. 2 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for robes forwarded to the Company.  
Re damaged robes. lp. 893

Oct. 5 -- New York -- From Henry Stanton

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has waived the subject  
of damages for non delivery of Indian supplies within the time  
prescribed by contract. lp. 894

Oct. 5 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to James Boyd, Boston

Encloses bill for robes. Has drawn draft for the amount  
of the bill. Requests Boyd to make payment on previous ship-  
ment of robes. L.B.O. 2:145 895

Oct. 5 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Geisse & Korckhauss  
Philadelphia

Encloses draft in payment for merchandise. L.B.O. 2:146 896

Oct. 5 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Carey, Lea & Co.,  
Philadelphia

Encloses payment of bill against Borup. L.B.O. 2:147 897

Oct. 5 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Josiah Bellows,  
Walpole

Re order for 60 dozen socks of the usual quality. L.B.O.  
2:148 898

Oct. 6 -- Boston -- James Boyd to John B. Whetten

Discusses arrangements for paying bills. Money is scarce.  
Will not hereafter give security for his bills. 2p. 899

Oct. 6 -- Philadelphia -- Carey, Lea & Co. to Wotherspoon (Com-  
pany's Secretary)

Have placed subscription for Cyclopedia of Medicine and  
for American Medical Journal for Borup. lp. 900

Oct. 6 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to Thomas Wother-  
spoon

Re settlement of accounts. lp. 901

Oct. 6 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Annex a copy of account. Give details of accounts. lp. 902

Oct. 6 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Enclose an account of the sales of deer skins. lp. 903

Oct. 7 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Holiday and family have arrived in New York; Holiday's  
eyes will be given the best attention. Jones has selected the



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materials for the new vessel on Lake Erie. Auction sale was highly satisfactory; Jones has taken marked catalog to the agents in the lake region. Most of the Lake Superior packs are received; those from the Western Outfit are not yet at hand. Has documents from Chicago showing satisfactory delivery of goods for U.S. The remainder of the buffalo robes from the interior had reached St. Louis and were forwarded. Return of beaver from the upper Missouri had not been ascertained in St. Louis. Jones, the boat-builder, has been instructed to meet Crooks in Detroit and arrange everything about the vessel to be built on Lake Erie. Astor has shown good feeling by providing some money for the Company at 7 per cent when 9 is the current rate. Exchange on England keeps high. 2p. 904

Oct. 7 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Will give Holiday all the necessary aid. Jones has selected the materials for the new vessel. Crooks will make all arrangements with Jones at Detroit. The auction sale went off satisfactorily. Catalogs have been sent to Detroit. The Western Outfit packs are not yet received. Has received reports of the safe delivery of the government goods at Chicago; is awaiting payment from Stanton. Pratte, Chouteau & Co. have shipped the remainder of the robes. Astor has evinced good feeling by lending money at 7 per cent when 9 per cent is the current rate. Exchange on England continues high. L.B.C. 2: 149-150 905

Oct. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

The Company is anxious to have reports of the London sales. Crooks is still in the interior. L.B.C. 2:151 906

Oct. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to O. M. Lampson, London

Encloses catalog of the Company's sale which went off very satisfactorily. Expects to forward fine furs soon. L.B.C. 2: 152 907

Oct. 7 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons to Benjamin Clapp

Prices show slight advance. Will give the greatest attention to the quality of goods in filling orders. 1p. 908

Oct. 8 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Will sell robes to the best advantage. Wishes to know the returns of beaver from the upper Missouri. Has no reports on Sante Fe returns. Ronaud has forwarded robes sent to him for sale. L.B.C. 2:153 909

Oct. 9 -- Boston -- Barzillai Homes to Benjamin Clapp

Encloses draft for amount of bill for furs and robes bought at auction. 1p. 910

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- Oct. 9 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Samuel Abbott  
Has received packing account of furs from the Western Outfit. Muskrats are quite low. Re catalog of auction sale. Fears that Crooks will not be able to return to the city soon. Expects reports of London sales. L.B.C. 2:154 911
- Oct. 9 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Lyman M. Warren Lapointe  
Re furs received. Will dispose of returns as directed. Gives prices received at the auction sale. Holiday has arrived in New York. L.B.C. 2:155 912
- Oct. 9 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Reports from Leipsic fair are unfavorable; sales are slight. 1p. 913
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Boyd, Boston  
Discusses robes sold to Boyd and the terms of payment. L.B.C. 2:156-157 914
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Robes have not arrived. Gives details of shipment of furs damaged in transportation. L.B.C. 2:158 915
- Oct. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Regret that Loubat could not fill order for blankets; the English firm charges more. Advise that the order be arranged with the French, if the order to England is subject to countermand. 2p. (French) 916
- Oct. 12 -- Ste. Genevieve -- From Menard & Vallé (per Felix Vallé)  
Gives directions for selling furs which he has shipped. Asks for current prices of skins. 2p. 917
- Oct. 12 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Byron Greenough, Portland  
Annexes invoice for shipment of robes. Requests draft in payment. L.B.C. 2:159 918
- Oct. 13 -- Boston -- James Boyd to John B. Whetten  
Discusses financial arrangements with the Company. 2p. 919
- Oct. 13 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Gives details of account. Expects the remaining robes from St. Louis soon; can furnish 40 packs. L.B.C. 2:160 920
- Oct. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re robes sent to Ronaud who feared he could not sell them

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and forwarded them to New York. lp. (French)

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Oct. 13 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren

The "Astor" has arrived with the remainder of supplies. The "Astor" will be at the Sault for the winter. Cannot give any information from Outfits at present. Has made small beginning in the fishing business. Encloses drafts on the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions to be collected. Will forward accounts of the Northern Outfit on the "Astor". Re directions from Sherman Hall about the collection of a draft on the Mission Board. 3p.

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Oct. 14 -- Lapointe -- Charles Borup to Ramsay Crooks

Asks Crooks to pay \$75 to J. T. Borup and charge to Charles Borup. lp.

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Oct. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Garber &amp; O'Connor

Re shipment of buffalo robes. lp.

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Oct. 14 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson

Reports from the Leipsic fair are still unfavorable. Lampson thinks beaver will sell better than at the last fair. Red fox does not sell due to the absence of Greek buyers. Deer skins and raccoon from Detroit in original packs have arrived in best order. Furriers are having a fair season. 2p.

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Oct. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to W. B. Lewis, Washington

Encloses deposition of Solomon Juneau for claims of Jean Letendre under the Chicago treaty. L.B.C. 2:161

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Oct. 14 -- London -- From Wildes &amp; Co.

Will give attention to orders for the Company; the time is very short for filling orders. Are much pleased with the report of trade on Lake Superior. Early advices from Leipsic fair are not wholly discouraging. lp.

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Oct. 15 -- Boston -- James Boyd to John B. Whetten

Details of accounts. lp.

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Oct. 15 -- Buffalo -- Barker &amp; Holt to Benjamin Clapp

Re furs forwarded. lp.

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Oct. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Otis Homes, Boston

Re error in making payment for robes. L.B.C. 2:162

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Oct. 16 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson

Annexes list of Hudson's Bay Co.'s importations just arrived. lp.

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- Oct. 16 -- Pittsburgh -- Francis Ronaud to John B. Whetten  
 Delay in shipment of furs is due to a break in canal.  
 Blames the transportation companies for the bad condition of  
 furs. 1p. 932
- Oct. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Boyd, Boston  
 Has received certificate in payment of robes. L.B.C. 2:  
 164 933
- Oct. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gabriel Franchere,  
 Sault Ste. Marie  
 Has forwarded food supplies. Oculists consider Holiday's  
 sight entirely destroyed. All the packs from New Orleans have  
 arrived in good order. L.B.C. 2:163 934
- Oct. 17 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
 Enclose draft for the balance due the Company. Re direc-  
 tions about robes. 1p. 935
- Oct. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt,  
 Buffalo  
 Re important shipment of goods for George W. Jones.  
 L.B.C. 2:165 936
- Oct. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Boyd, Boston  
 Annexes bill of lading for shipment of robes. L.B.C. 2:  
 166 937
- Oct. 19 -- Portland -- Byron Greenough to Thomas Wotherspoon  
 Encloses check in payment of calf robes. Sends an order  
 for additional robes. 1p. 938
- Oct. 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
 Describes the condition of the raccoons just received.  
 Demands from Germany and France for deer skins continue good.  
 Leipsic fair is progressing better than was expected. Furriers  
 are busy and the prospects for the spring sale are good. An-  
 nexes statement of fur importations of Hudson's Bay Co. 3p. 939
- Oct. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Have received catalog of furs and robes. Consider it bet-  
 ter to sell muskrats at a loss than to hold them on hand. Re  
 peltries forwarded. Give directions about a box of buffalo  
 tongues. 2p. (French) 940
- Oct. 20 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
 Approves of the sale of rats even at a low price. Jones  
 has begun the new ship to be called "Ramsay Crooks". 1p. 941
- Oct. 20 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- To Benjamin Clapp  
 Has just arrived from Lapointe after a journey of 3 days.

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Everything looks well. Will leave as soon as he has finished with Chapman's and Franchere's furs -- possibly in 3 days. The schooner is to be put immediately into winter quarters; the crew are to take him to Mackinac. lp. 942

Oct. 20 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons to Benjamin Clapp  
Will forward goods as soon as possible. The prices are the same as before. lp. 943

Oct. 21 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster, Detroit  
The market remains quiet. The results of the London sales are a bit short of expectations. States prices. The materials for the schooner on Lake Erie have been shipped. L.B.C. 2:168-169 944

Oct. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Smith & Brown  
Wish to purchase raccoon and muskrat skins. lp. 945

Oct. 22 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Re order for rifles. L.B.C. 2:167 946

Oct. 22 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Sample blankets ordered by Mackenzie from France have arrived. Names kind of rifles that can be obtained. Has received reports of the London sales. Gives details of the sale of deer skins. Beaver is in demand. L.B.C. 2:170-171 947

Oct. 22 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Sends order. Criticizes goods received the previous year. Asks the Company to make offer for furs at Prairie du Chien, because of the difficulty of taking them to Green Bay. Discusses accounts with the Company for the Western Outfit and requests changes in some respects. Good hunts are expected. Sibley has to meet opposition in St. Peter's. 3p. 948

Oct. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
The results of the London fur sales have not equalled expectations, but the results of the deer skin sale are entirely satisfactory. Has skins ready for shipment. L.B.C. 2:172 949

Oct. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
Has received catalogs of fur and skin sales. Is disappointed in the prices for furs. High prices for deer skins have exceeded expectations. The Company approves of sending all fine deer skins to Lampson. Re condition of the market. L.B.C. 2:173-174 950

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- Oct. 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re furs shipped via New Orleans. Will endeavor to buy robes and beaver from Santa Fe. Expect arrival of furs from the mountains soon. lp. (French) 951
- Oct. 23 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Prefer that robes be forwarded at once. lp. 952
- Oct. 24 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Sends drafts collectable. lp. 953
- Oct. 24 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry (Per Jas. Henry)  
Gives prices of the different styles of rifles. Describes kinds of locks; it is difficult to obtain them. lp. 954
- Oct. 25 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Asks to have \$50 paid to Goulet. Has recovered from fall. lp. 955
- Oct. 26 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Re shipment of merchandise to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 2:174 956
- Oct. 27 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Regrets impossibility of obtaining French blankets. Has written to English agents for blankets. Encloses invoice for goods shipped via New Orleans. Robes have not arrived. L.B.C. 2:175 957
- Oct. 27 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Changes order for blankets. L.B.C. 2:176 958
- Oct. 27 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Statement of goods shipped by Pratte, Chouteau & Co., to be forwarded to New York is enclosed. lp. 959
- Oct. 28 -- Buffalo -- Stocking, Dart & Co. to the Company  
Enclose note. Have received robes in good order. lp. 960
- Oct. 29 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Concerning drafts and money matters. lp. 961
- Oct. 29 -- New Orleans -- From John D. Daggett  
Encloses bill of lading for furs shipped at the order of Menard & Valle. lp. 962
- Oct. 29 -- Mackinac -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Criticizes Robert Stuart. Biddle and Drew compete with

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Robinson. Discusses need of vessel on the lower lakes. Remarks about sales. "J. J. Astor" is in winter quarters; her crew is aiding Franchere with buildings, etc. 3p. 963

Oct. 29 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Is gratified that the Company's sale was so successful. Quantity of Hudson's Bay Co.'s importations is greater than in any previous year. Discusses probable prices. Expects brisk Leipsic sale in the spring. It is difficult to find buyers for bear skins. Furriers are having a glorious season and will pay higher prices in the spring. 3p. 964

Oct. 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have no news yet from the mountains or the upper Missouri. Have bought Santa Fe beaver from Powell. 1p. (French) 965

Oct. 30 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp

Describes goods forwarded and goods received. 1p. 966

Oct. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Gives details of accounts. Will forward furs from Lake Superior and the Upper Mississippi regions. Re drafts. L.B.C. 2:177 967

Oct. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London

Re furs forwarded. The fur market in New York is quiet. Has no reports of returns of the upper Missouri and Santa Fe beaver. L.B.C. 2:178 968

Oct. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds

Encloses bill of exchange to be credited on account. L.B.C. 2:179 969

Oct. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster, Detroit

The Company is uneasy about Crooks's long stay in the interior. Has renewed insurance on the "Crooks". Materials for the new schooner have been shipped to Jones. Fears nutria will be abundant in the market and keep down the price of muskrats. L.B.C. 2:180 970

Oct. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie

All packages from Franchere have arrived in good order. Has renewed insurance on the "Crooks". Encloses marked catalog of the fur sale to be forwarded to Warren. Books ordered by Franchere have been shipped to Abbott. Holiday will remain in New York until Crooks returns. L.B.C. 2:181 971

Oct. 31 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Offer to Powell for Santa Fe robes was rejected. Expect

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- beaver and robes from the mountains at once; will forward them promptly. lp. (French) 972
- Nov. 2 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs and skins. lp. 973
- Nov. 4 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
Has sent 20 packs of furs with a list of their contents and directions as to their sale. Expects good sale in London. lp. 974
- Nov. 4 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Invoice is received. Sends draft collectable. lp. 975
- Nov. 4 -- Utica -- Stocking & Hunt to Thomas Wotherspoon  
Robes have not yet been received; wish to know when and how they were shipped. lp. 976
- Nov. 5 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Sends packing account of furs and one barrel of beeswax. lp. 977
- Nov. 5 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Asks to have certain accounts credited to the Western Outfit. lp. 978
- Nov. 5 -- Buffalo -- From Stocking, Dart & Co.  
Will take the Company's robes from the upper Lakes. lp. 979
- Nov. 6 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Describes sale of certain furs. Has sold the remaining odd lots of raccoon. States the prospects for the spring sale. lp. 980
- Nov. 6 -- Treasury Department -- W. B. Lewis to John B. Whetten  
The sum due Jean Letendre's heir according to the Chicago Treaty of Sept. 26, 1833 will be forwarded by the Treasurer. lp. 981
- Nov. 6 -- Baltimore -- Jacob Rogers & Sons to John B. Whetten  
Request information about raccoon skins. lp. 982
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. C. Pierce, St. Johns  
Encloses invoice for robes to be forwarded to Vallee, Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 2:182 983
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to John Bryan & Son, Albany  
Encloses bill for robes; requests note in payment. L.B.C. 2:182 984



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- Nov. 7 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Boyd, Boston  
Has received new shipment of robes; wishes to have directions from Boyd, if he wants robes. L.B.C. 2:183 985
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Has forwarded robes; requests note in payment. L.B.C. 2:184 986
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses bill for robes shipped to St. Johns to be forwarded. Hopes these robes will prove satisfactory. L.B.C. 2:184 987
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Annexes invoice for robes; requests note in payment. L.B.C. 2:185 988
- Nov. 9 -- Boston -- James Boyd to John B. Whetten  
Re order for robes and directions about payment. 1p. 989
- Nov. 9 -- St. Mary's -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Goods have been received; furs sent. Hopes to ship 200 barrels of fish by the last ship tomorrow. From 60 to 70 barrels must be kept all winter for want of fish barrels. 2p. 990
- Nov. 9 -- Fort Dearborn, Chicago -- Lieut. S. T. Jamison  
Matters of personal finances. 1p. 991
- Nov. 9 -- St. Catherine -- From George Coventry  
Gives details about the French cooper detained at Buffalo. Wishes directions about his employment with the Company. 3p. 992
- Nov. 9 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Elbridge Brown, Boston  
Annexes bill of lading for robes; requests note in payment. L.B.C. 2:186 993
- Nov. 9 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Encloses bill for robes. L.B.C. 2:187 994
- Nov. 9 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Stocking, Dart & Co., Utica  
Annexes bill for robes forwarded; requests note in payment. L.B.C. 2:187 995
- Nov. 10 -- St. Mary's -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Apologizes for indiscretion and accepts rebuke from Crooks. 2p. 996

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- Nov. 10 -- St. Mary's -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Has paid claim of Capt. Allen with the Northern Outfit.  
Will send the balance sheet soon. 150 barrels of fish are to  
stay all winter. Goods have been received. Asks the Company  
to charge Vallee, Beyer \$72 and credit his outfit for the sum  
paid per their order to Tulloch. Winter arrangements for the  
schooner and crew. 3p. 997
- Nov. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Describe robes and furs shipped. 1p. (French) 998
- Nov. 11 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Sends statement of furs purchased at Mackinac and accounts  
of two outfits. 1p. 999
- Nov. 11 -- Washington -- Campbell (Treasurer) to John B. Whet-  
ten  
Encloses warrant with order for payment. 1p. 1000
- Nov. 11 -- Utica -- Stocking & Hunt to John B. Whetten  
Enclose draft on J. C. Halsey & Co. for bill of robes.  
Want more robes this season; order 150 packs of robes for next  
season. 2p. 1001
- Nov. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Annex an account of shipment of robes and furs. Regret  
disappointment about blankets. 1p. (French) 1002
- Nov. 13 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
Sends invoice of 7 packs of furs. Gives directions as to  
examining them before the sale to be sure that they are correct  
by invoice. 1p. 1003
- Nov. 13 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Jacob Rogers & Son,  
Baltimore  
Will ship raccoons to Rogers soon. L.B.C. 2:188 1004
- Nov. 13 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to J. & B. Knower,  
Albany  
Has forwarded robes; requests note in payment. L.B.C. 2:  
189 1005
- Nov. 13 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Cornelius Hersey,  
Boston  
Annexes bill of lading for robes. L.B.C. 2:190 1006
- Nov. 13 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Byron Greenough,  
Portland  
Annexes bills of lading for robes. Has received check in  
payment of previous shipment. L.B.C. 2:190 1007

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- Nov. 13 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Encloses bill of lading for robes forwarded. L.B.C. 2:191 1008
- Nov. 13 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to James Boyd, Boston  
Encloses bill of lading for robes. Has drawn draft for amount of the bill. L.B.C. 2:191 1009
- Nov. 16 -- Detroit -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Is glad to hear that business goes well. Hopes to sell Saginaw outfit to Williams. Leaves for Buffalo in 3 days. Buffalo robes of Western Outfit sold -- quotes prices. 2p. 1010
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
Re drafts honored. Fears robes from the upper Missouri will arrive too late to be sold. Expects fair demand for beaver. Finds error in the invoice of merchandise shipped. Expects Crooks to return soon. L.B.C. 2:192 1011
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gabriel Franchere,  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Re drafts credited on Franchere's account. The market for furs and skins of all sorts remains unchanged. L.B.C. 2:193 1012
- Nov. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Garber & O'Connor  
Have drawn draft thru a western bank. 1p. 1013
- Nov. 17 -- Canaan, Conn. -- Isaac P. Hunt to the Company  
Desires employment for several men as hunters. 1p. 1014
- Nov. 18 -- Boston -- From Elbridge Brown  
Gives directions about payment of bill for robes. 1p. 1015
- Nov. 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re goods forwarded. Have received robes from St. Louis and have had them carefully stowed on packet. 1p. 1016
- Nov. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re furs shipped. Enclose drafts for large amounts due to heavy payments in the mountains. 1p. (French) 1017.
- Nov. 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Menard & Valle, Ste.  
Genevieve  
Have received packing account of skins. Gives details of accounts. The market for furs and skins is very inactive. Crooks is expected in a few days. L.B.C. 2:195 1018

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Nov. 18 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Stocking & Hunt,  
Utica.

Has received draft on Halsey & Co. and credited it on account. Can supply a few packs of mended robes. L.B.C. 2:196  
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Nov. 19 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Robes are satisfactory. Request the Company to arrange freight rates with forwarding agents. Enclose draft in payment of robes. Annex a statement of account. 2p. 1020

Nov. 19 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Jacob Rogers & Sons,  
Baltimore

Annexes bill of lading for raccoons shipped. Requests a check in payment. L.B.C. 2:197 1021

Nov. 19 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Gives details of accounts. Encloses invoice and bill of lading for furs and skins shipped. Re furs yet to be shipped. L.B.C. 2:198 1022

Nov. 19 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Enclose invoice for goods ordered. Some Birmingham goods will be shipped later. 1p. 1023

Nov. 20 -- Portland -- Byron Greenough to Thomas Wotherspoon

Encloses check in payment of robes. 1p. 1024

Nov. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Remit memorandum of merchandise to be purchased in U.S. Ask the Company to give special attention to articles that have been unprofitable. Give details of shipment of beaver. 1p. (French) 1025

Nov. 20 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Eldridge Brown,  
Boston

Annexes a statement of account. Has drawn draft as directed. Expects to receive another shipment of robes. L.B.C. 2:199 1026

Nov. 20 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
Leeds

Encloses order for goods; annexes detailed directions. Goods should be shipped at Liverpool not later than Feb. 10. L.B.C. 2:200 1027

Nov. 21 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to Benjamin Clapp

Give details about packs of wet furs received. Re furs forwarded. Request measurements of certain packages listed. 3p. 1028

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- Nov. 21 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Raccoon skins sold at low prices were a very inferior lot.  
Describes deer skins sold. Has about 7000 skins on hand. The  
fur market is quiet. 2p. 1029
- Nov. 21 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bills of lading for shipments to the Company. 1p.  
1030
- Nov. 21 -- Utica -- Stocking & Hunt to Thomas Wotherspoon  
Have decided not to order mended robes. 1p. 1031
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Olapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Will forward consignment of deer skins. Gives details of  
account. Expects Crooks soon. L.B.C. 2:201 1032
- Nov. 23 -- Baltimore -- Jacob Rogers & Son to John B. Whetten  
Enclose check in payment of raccoon skins. 1p. 1033
- Nov. 24 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Livingston has been at Mackinac; gone to Sault. Has  
written Franchere about the price of provisions, and sent papers  
necessary to the drawing up of accounts. Advises a person be  
sent to work with Holiday, who has lost his sight. Sent Lawe  
flour and pork received. 1p. 1034
- Nov. 25 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Discuss the prospects for employing guides, boatmen, and  
coopers to go to the upper Lakes. Can purchase canoes from Hud-  
son's Bay Co. now but not in the spring. 2p. 1035
- Nov. 26 -- New York -- John Cryder to the Company  
Circular stating that he has arranged with Jas. Morrison  
of London to establish in New York the firm of Morrison, Cryder  
& Co. for commission and banking business. 1p. 1036
- Nov. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Has credited draft on account. The question of damaged  
robes will be submitted to Crooks. L.B.C. 2:202 1037
- Nov. 26 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to Byron Greenough,  
Portland  
Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 2:203 1038
- Nov. 27 -- Albany -- J. and B. Knower to Thomas Wotherspoon  
(Company's Secretary)  
Enclose notes for buffalo robes. Have deducted for the  
damaged robes. 1p. 1039
- Nov. 27 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Wildes & Co. will forward an account of the sales of deer

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skins. Skins shipped in small packs have arrived in good order. Encloses marked catalog of Rows's sale. Expects to have a public sale in February. Re expected alterations in prices. 2p.  
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Nov. 27 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis

Describes furs and skins received and being shipped to London. Has received packing account of robes. Shipment of beaver from the Northwest coast is reported to have arrived in Boston. L.B.C. 2:204  
1041

Nov. 28 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp

Sends a draft on the Company. The "Bridget" has been wrecked -- describes the loss of lives and cargo. Several other vessels have been partly or wholly wrecked. lp.  
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Nov. 28 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose statement of goods forwarded to the Company. lp.  
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Nov. 28 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re additional merchandise to be purchased. Describes the kind of blankets which are most saleable. Await impatiently the samples of the rifles. lp. (French)  
1044

Nov. 28 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Received Clapp's letter covering consignment on packet Louisa. Are pleased to have exclusive sale of fine deer skins. Drafts will have prompt honor. lp.  
1045

Nov. 28 -- New York -- Thomas Wotherspoon to J. and B. Knower,  
Albany

Has received notes in payment for robes. Expects to receive more robes soon. L.B.C. 2:205  
1046

Nov. 29 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman

Discusses omissions in invoice of last year's goods. Asks to get goods cheap in order to undersell small traders. Has offered Stambaugh to join in suttlng of Fort Snelling. Hunts are good. lp.  
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Nov. 30 -- Baltimore -- Jacob Rogers & Son to John B. Whetten

Enclose draft properly executed. lp.  
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Nov. 30 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Received invoices and bill of lading of goods on packet Louisa. [Duplicate of letter for Nov. 28 is on the same sheet.] lp.  
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Nov. 30 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
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Gives shipping directions. Furs have not arrived. L.B.C. 2:206 1050

Nov. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Encloses bill of lading for shipment of furs and skins.  
Annexes order for merchandise. L.B.C. 2:207-208 1051

Nov. 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Hopes Lampson's expectations for the spring sale will be realized. Regrets damage to skins in transit. Will adopt any mode of packing that will give the best results. Re shipment of deer skins to Wildes & Co. Oppenheim would give good price, but the Company prefers giving Lampson a fair trial. L.B.C. 2:209-210 1052

Dec. 2 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt

Discuss furs forwarded but likely frozen in along the canal route. The transportation line would not take the risk. 3p. 1053

Dec. 2 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

Encloses accounts. Has given brother in Canada power of attorney to collect sums due by deserters in 1834. Hulbert is short of goods. Estimates gain from fishing at \$400. Has sent to Brewster his account with the Detroit Department. Fur trade is poor. Weather prevents getting wood for piers. 4p. 1054

Dec. 2 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette

Wants 12 men from Montreal in the spring. Sends memorandum of goods ordered. 2p. 1055

Dec. 2 -- Cleveland -- From Benjamin A. Stanard

Accepts command of the Company's vessel. 1p. 1056

Dec. 3 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows

Details of accounts. 1p. 1057

Dec. 3 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for goods shipped. 1p. 1058

Dec. 5 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Discusses the employment of Cottrell to hire laborers and mechanics needed in the lake region. Advises the purchase of two canoes. Discusses the transportation rates to Montreal. Explains adjustment of damages on robes. Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 2:211-213 1059

Dec. 5 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Re powder wanted by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Wishes advice

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as to the probable time when shipment can be made. L.B.C. 2:214  
1060

Dec. 7 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Has received bill for socks. Re accounts for robes.  
L.B.C. 2:215 1061

Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester  
Annexes order for blankets. The Company desires to buy  
supplies on the most favorable terms. Will provide credit with  
Wildes & Co. L.B.C. 2:216 1062

Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Encloses memorandum for goods to leave Liverpool by Apr.  
1. Desires orders to be filled on the very best terms. L.B.C.  
2:217 1063

Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Julius Theodor Borup, Copenhagen  
Encloses draft on Wildes & Co., at the request of Charles  
Borup. No bill of exchange could be obtained on Copenhagen.  
L.B.C. 2:218 1064

Dec. 8 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Will follow advice about shipment of raccoons and deer  
skins. Clapp is about to sail for England. L.B.C. 2:219 1065

Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Encloses memoranda for goods. Re Simpson's draft on Hud-  
son's Bay Co. to be collected. Clapp is going to England.  
L.B.C. 2:220 1066

Dec. 9 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re shipment of furs, mostly inferior raccoons. Nothing  
more for the London market will be received until after the  
opening of the western waters in the spring. Will try to sell  
beaver in New York but fears competition with nutria. Desires  
to know the prospects in the London market for beaver. L.B.C.  
2:221-222 1067

Dec. 9 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester  
Re directions for payment of account for blankets. L.B.C.  
2:223 1068

Dec. 9 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Hopes Leipsic fair ended satisfactorily. Encloses bill of  
lading and invoice for furs and skins. Gives directions for  
payment of bill to Crafts & Stell. Gives Crooks's experience  
in reorganizing the Company's business in the Lake region, es-  
pecially at Lapointe. Civilization is diminishing the furred  
animals. L.B.C. 2:224-226 1069



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- Dec. 10 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Sends draft collectible for his private account with the  
Company. 1p. 1070
- Dec. 10 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons to Benjamin Clapp  
Enclose invoice for goods. There is little change in the  
prices of cloth and blankets. Trade is steady. 1p. 1071
- Dec. 10 -- Black River -- From George Jones  
Describes materials for new brig. Asks New York prices  
for chains and spikes. 1p. 1072
- Dec. 10 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower to Thomas Wotherspoon  
Requests information about obtaining more buffalo robes.  
1p. 1073
- Dec. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Merle & Co. have sent notice that robes would leave New  
Orleans on Nov. 23. Hope the season will be enough advanced  
for them. 1p. (French) 1074
- Dec. 10 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Are shipping one case of thread on the "Columbia". The  
cost is 44 pounds and 33 shillings. Expect the remaining goods  
from Birmingham soon. 1p. 1075
- Dec. 11 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Re drafts credited to the Northern Outfit. Describes Hol-  
iday's blindness and his desire to remain in charge at the Ance.  
Discusses sale of Northern Outfit returns. The prospects for  
muskrats are not flattering. Will give attention to the order  
for goods. The "Astor" will remain at the Sault during the  
winter. A new schooner is being built on Lake Erie. Discusses  
boatmen and mechanics needed, and the prospects of obtaining  
them. Re proposal for paying boatmen and fishermen. Re delay  
of Lac du Flambeau goods at Green Bay. Geo. Berthkeht has gone  
to Green Bay. Details of settlement of accounts. Recommends  
additional preparations for fisheries. L.B.C. 2:227-234 1076
- Dec. 11 -- New York -- To Eustache Roussain, Ance Quivianian  
Fears Geo. Berthkeht may enter the Indian country again;  
hopes Col. Boyd will not grant Berthkeht a license to trade.  
Holiday reports Indian dissatisfaction. Discusses method to  
pursue with Berthkeht. Will send new boatmen from Montreal in  
the spring. Barrel stuff should be ready in the spring.  
L.B.C. 2:235-238 1077
- Dec. 11 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Re accounts. Requests that Warren be informed of the con-  
dition of business at the Sault. Discusses supplies for fish-  
eries. Must have order for goods for 1836 early. Plans to

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improve the property at the Sault. Discusses plans for shipment of salt. L.B.C. 2:239-241 1078

Dec. 11 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Discusses early closing of canal and delay of fur enroute. Discusses goods for retail store and for wholesale store. Hopes are entertained for a good spring sale in London. Describes skins on hand. L.B.C. 2:242-243 1079

Dec. 12 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Does not think Dousman will rent his store. The Company will have to go into Indian and fishing trade slowly to win it from Biddle and Drew; large extension of credit is necessary. 1p. 1080

Dec. 12 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Sends several accounts. Terms of closing fish sales for purchases of 1834. Wants accounts for fur also closed. High prices for supplies discouraged him from purchasing for next year. May have to buy on shorter time than usual because of conditions of the demand for provisions. Has had a misunderstanding with Lundy over the command of the vessel. Misstatements of G. Williams -- 6 other vessels lost. Was total loss of one-third of the lake tonnage for the year. 3p. 1081

Dec. 12 -- New York -- To William Aitken, Sandy Lake

Encloses copy of letter sent to Warren. Has reports that the main force of Baker's opposition is directed against Sibley's post, and that Aitken will only have to contend with Stitt's outfit. Aitken need not count the cost in preventing Stitt by all fair means from making returns; urges that opposition be annihilated. Gives directions about employing workmen. No families are to be supported at the expense of the Company. L.B.C. 2:244-246 1082

Dec. 12 -- New York -- to J. & B. Knower, Albany

Will deliver robes as soon as landed. Wishes directions for forwarding. L.B.C. 2:247 1083

Dec. 12 -- Boston -- From Gill & Wheelock

Have forwarded goods at the order of Bellows. 1p. 1084

Dec. 14 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Will give particular attention to orders for goods. Sati-nets are extravagantly high. Discusses articles in order. Wishes sample beads. White wampum is very scarce. Expects goods from England in January. Gives details of furs and prices. L.B.C. 2:248-250 1085

Dec. 14 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole

Can supply additional robes if Bellows wants them. L.B.C. 2:251 1086

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- Dec. 14 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
 Furs were detained by the closing of the canal navigation so early. Regrets the great loss of life and property on the Lakes. Benjamin Stanard has accepted the command of the Company's brig. Encloses memorandum of provisions required for 1836. L.B.C. 2:252-254 1087
- Dec. 15 -- New York -- To Capt. Benjamin Stanard, Cleveland  
 Has notified Brewster that Stanard will command the new vessel. Stanard will get instructions from Brewster. Jones will accept any useful suggestions about the construction of the new vessel. L.B.C. 2:255 1088
- Dec. 15 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
 Has no hope of receiving the goods detained on the canal before spring. Wishes statement of terms on which Barker & Holt will take charge of business of the new vessel. L.B.C. 2:256 1089
- Dec. 15 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Black River, Ohio  
 Capt. Benj. Stanard has been appointed to command the new vessel. Encloses copy of letter to Stanard. Gives directions about spars and sails. L.B.C. 2:257 1090
- Dec. 15 -- New York -- To Isaac P. Hunt, Canaan, Canada [Conn.?  
 The Company has no need for new traders. L.B.C. 2:258 1091
- Dec. 15 -- New York -- To Crary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool  
 Gott & Sons and Wildes & Co. have been directed to forward goods to firm for shipment. Crafts & Stell will send the blankets in March. L.B.C. 2:259 1092
- Dec. 15 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
 Annexes memorandum of order of powder to be shipped via Pittsburgh. Estimates that total wants for powder will be about the same as in previous years. L.B.C. 2:260 1093
- Dec. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
 The Company has no recent reports from the northern lake region. The weather has been very severe. Re enclosed draft.. L.B.C. 2:261 1094
- Dec. 15 -- Boston -- Cornelius Hersey to the Company  
 Re bale of damaged buffalo robes in the last shipment received. lp. 1095
- Dec. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Fear the last shipment of robes will arrive late. Give details of a certain order for merchandise. Want memorandum for tin plate. lp. (French) 1096

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- Dec. 15 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re drafts paid to the credit of the Company. Have arranged to buy second hand canoes. Discuss the many damaged robes in a recent shipment. 2p. 1097
- Dec. 16 -- Liverpool -- From Cray, Fletcher & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for goods shipped at the order of B. Gott & Sons, on transient vessel. 1p. 1098
- Dec. 16 -- Boston -- From James Boyd  
Has sent a friend to see the Company about robes. 1p. 1099
- Dec. 16 -- Boston -- From Elbridge Brown  
Desires robes to be forwarded via Providence. 1p. 1100
- Dec. 16 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Desires to trade with whites as well as Indians; whites are increasing, Indians are decreasing. Indians hunt only enough to buy liquor. Will take care of any Indian trade that exists. Would like to keep hardware and provisions for whites. Arrangements to date have been only for Indian trade. 2p. (French) 1101
- Dec. 17 -- Wilpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Gives directions regarding robes. 1p. 1102
- Dec. 17 -- New York -- J. M. Catlin to C. W. Cartwright  
Gives details of insurance wanted by the Company. Requests a statement of insurance rates, etc. L.B.C. 2:262 1103
- Dec. 17 -- New York -- To Joseph Blain, Philadelphia  
Discusses New York fire. The Company wants \$40,000 insurance. Discusses directions about securing insurance and property to be insured. L.B.C. 2:263-264 1104
- Dec. 17 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Explains payments to be made to friends of employees of the Company. L.B.C. 2:265 1105
- Dec. 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Buffalo  
Brewster is to give instructions to Benj. Stanard in regard to the new vessel. Stanard is to be paid the usual rates allowed master of lake vessels. There was a serious fire in the business section of New York. L.B.C. 2:266 1106
- Dec. 18 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Robes have arrived; expects to sell all of them. Gives prices and quality of the robes. Enormous damage was done by great fire. L.B.C. 2:267 1107

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Dec. 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Joseph Blain

Insurance boards will not at present accept any risks on  
New York accounts at any premium. lp. 1108

Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Order for English goods has been forwarded. Blankets from  
Buffalo factory are not satisfactory; will not give another  
order. Discusses the Company's attention to the purchase of  
goods. Is unable to get better quality of wampum. Discusses  
the transportations of returns to Mackinac. Gives directions  
concerning orders and accounts. Discusses settlement of inven-  
tory taken over from the old Company. Describes the sale of  
Western Outfit peltries; re muskets and beaver on hand. The  
prospects for muskrats are very discouraging. L.B.C. 2:271-276  
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Dec. 21 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Will forward newspaper containing report of New York fire.  
Insurance companies are ruined. The Company's property is now  
wholly unprotected; requests advice about obtaining insurance  
in London. Clapp who is in England can give information needed  
for the insurance policy. L.B.C. 2:268-269 1110

Dec. 21 -- New York -- To Joseph Blain, Philadelphia

Gives details of former application for insurance; re-  
quests Blain to reply at once. L.B.C. 2:270 1111

Dec. 22 -- Philadelphia -- From Joseph Blain

Has secured a small amount of insurance from two companies  
but all the others refuse to insure. Explains rates of pre-  
mium. lp. 1112

Dec. 22 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons to Benjamin Clapp

Have received order from the Company. Will follow direc-  
tions. Re prices and terms of credit. lp. 1113

Dec. 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Sends statement of stock in the warehouse at present.  
Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale is fixed for Jan. 20. Describes furs  
to be offered at Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. lp. 1114

Dec. 23 -- Boston -- From Elbridge Brown

Repeats directions in letter of Dec. 16. lp. 1115

Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Encloses bill for robes. Requests Bates to estimate the  
damage on robes shipped to Hersey. L.B.C. 2:277 1116

Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole

Has shipped robes. The socks have not been received.  
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- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Gill Wheelock, Boston  
Annexes bill of lading for robes to be forwarded to Bel-  
lows. L.B.C. 2:279 1118
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Elbridge Brown, Boston  
Annexes bill of lading for robes. Re quality and prices  
of robes. L.B.C. 2:280 1119
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Annexes bill of lading for robes. Has asked Bates to e-  
valuate the damages robes. L.B.C. 2:281 1120
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Discusses large quantity of Hudson's Bay Co.'s muskrats.  
The Company will try to dispose of muskrats at the spring sale.  
Nutria have again appeared in large numbers. Crooks does not  
favor holding large quantities of skins in storage. Re the  
prospects for deer skins. L.B.C. 2:282-285 1121
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Re drafts to be debited to the Company. Has no insurance  
arrangements yet. L.B.C. 2:286-287 1122
- Dec. 24 -- New York -- To Joseph Blain, Philadelphia  
The Company approves insurance arrangements made by Blain  
in Philadelphia. L.B.C. 2:288 1123
- Dec. 24 -- New York -- Traders' Insurance Co. to the Company  
Circular recalling all policies in order to settle with  
the sufferers of the late fire. lp. 1124
- Dec. 25 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has received no directions from Chouteaus about powder.  
Requests that powder should not be shipped from Brandywine be-  
fore Feb. 25, as it may be lost because of the ice. lp. 1125
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- To George Coventry, St. Catherine's,  
Upper Canada  
Discusses the desertion of cooper at Buffalo. Will not  
advance him any funds for transportation to St. Mary's. L.B.C.  
2:289-290 1126
- Dec. 26 -- Boston -- From Gill & Wheelock  
Enclose check in payment of bill due the Company. lp. 1127
- Dec. 26 -- Washington -- From Henry R. Schoolcraft  
The Secretary of War has invited the Chippewas and the Ot-  
tawas to Washington to negotiate for lands in the peninsula.  
The Company's agent, Holiday, invited to come as interpreter.  
Wishes Crooks to be present. 3p. 1128

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- Dec. 27 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Has received check in payment of robes. Box of socks has arrived. Re order for socks. Quality of socks must be fully maintained. L.B.C. 2:293 1129
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Requests note in payment of robes. Re reduction in price on the inferior robes. L.B.C. 2:291 1130
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To James Boyd, Boston  
Has disposed of robes. L.B.C. 2:292 1131
- Dec. 29 -- Fort Brady, Sault Ste. Marie -- From Richard Clark  
Describes serious condition of Holiday's eyes. 2p. 1132
- Dec. 29 -- New York -- To G. W. Jones, Black River, Ohio  
Annexes copy of entire invoice of materials for the new vessel. L.B.C. 2:294 1133
- Dec. 29 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Will give attention to order for goods for 1836. Prices of woolen and cotton goods are high due to high rates for raw materials. Discusses details omitted in Rolette's order. Comments on the reports from England on the market conditions, especially bears and muskrats. L.B.C. 2:295-297 1134
- Dec. 29 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has shipped robes. States terms of payment. L.B.C. 2:298 1135
- Dec. 29 -- New York -- R. W. Martin (Secretary) to the Company  
Notice from insurance company; re policies and premium. 1p. 1136
- Dec. 30 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Discuss rates charged for attending to transportation business. Offer special arrangements to the Company. 1p. 1137
- Dec. 30 -- London -- From C. M. Lamson  
Will give attention to consignment of deer skins in port. Is assorting furs for sale; Describes quality of skins already sorted. Instructions about packing of skins for shipment. Does not think casks are necessary in packing raccoon skins. 2p. 1138
- Dec. 30 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for merchandise forwarded at the order of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 1139
- Dec. 30 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Ship is in dock with consignment of deer skins. Have

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ordered goods to be shipped on Packet of Feb. 16. Have honored draft for 4000. The "Independence" has arrived at Liverpool; expect to see Clapp soon. The prospects for spring sales are very encouraging. lp. 1140

Dec. 30 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
Re directions for forwarding powder to Pittsburgh. L.B.C. 1141  
2:299

Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Has given directions to DuPonts in regard to shipment of powder. Discusses time the powder will be wanted in St. Louis. L.R.C. 2:300 1142

Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Henry R. Schoolcraft, Washington  
Holiday and daughter will go to Washington in a few days. Schoolcraft must secure good pay for Holiday. Crooks may not be able to attend the treaty. L.B.C. 2:301 1143

Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Requests that funds be supplied to certain person and charged to the Company's account. L.B.C. 2:302 1144

Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Rix Robinson, Grand River  
Annexes bill for clothing which has been forwarded. Prices for furs are only nominal. Hudson's Bay Co. has imported enormous quantity of muskrats. The prospects are very bad for bears and muskrats. A deputation of Arbre Croche Indians has come to Washington to ascertain the intention of the government in regard to their lands. Cass has agreed to hold a treaty for the purchase of lands on peninsula of Michigan from Grand River to its northern extremity. Requests Robinson to send evidence of his claims against these Indians. L.B.C. 2:303-304 1145

Dec. 31 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has advised Compagnie [?] Hoquittar of non-arrival of skins. Remarks concerning the new vessel. Will not get flour until spring if report regarding the "Ouisconsin" is true. It is doubtful if Abbott's flour and pork reached Mackinac. Is leaving in a week to buy provisions. Has written to Chicago about pork. "La Grange" is wrecked; crew and cargo lost. Bags from Lake Superior have been received. lp. 1146

Dec. 31 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell  
Will fill order for blankets with the best quality goods. lp. 1147

Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Discusses difficulties in arranging shipment of powder. Furs and skins have arrived. States prospects for beaver. Powell's robes have been sold to Bates & Son. The market is



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- clear for next year's crop. L.B.C. 2:305-306 1148
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Shipments from Merle & Co. have arrived in very good order.  
Urges that present shipping arrangements be continued. L.B.C. 1149  
2:307
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Re accounts. Will ship deer and elk skins, some poor rac-  
coons and inferior muskrats. Advises sale of skins on hand,  
even at depressed prices. Wishes a clear market for the next  
crop. The Company has obtained considerable insurance, but  
wishes to know the terms at which insurance may be obtained in  
London. L.B.C. 2:308-309 1150
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Gives details of shipment of furs. Halsey & Co. will  
write Lampson regarding Hudson's Bay Co.'s muskrats. L.B.C. 2:  
310 1151
- Dec. 31 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Enclose invoice and bill of lading for cask and case of  
cutlery. Hope to receive further consignment of skins. [Dup-  
licate is with letter of Jan. 6, 1836.] 2p. 1152

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- Jan. 1 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Circular -- Statement of stocks, price current, etc. 3p. 1153
- Jan. 2 -- Lapointe -- From Charles Borup  
Describes his trip to Fond du Lac, with a description and  
diagram of the land and buildings there. 3p. 1154
- Jan. 2 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Borup will supply information on Fond du Lac establishment.  
Aitken's letter contains only complaints. Tells of preparing  
building material and barrel stuff. Fishing business on the  
whole has turned out well, despite unfavorable weather. There  
is a great abundance of fish. Re value of certain twine. Has  
had no news from the interior posts. Includes an order for  
goods for 1836. Re inventory and cost of new establishment.  
7p. 1155
- Jan. 2 -- New York -- To Biddle & Drew, Mackinac  
Hamlin and eight Ottawas have visited the Secretary of War;  
government has decided to make a treaty for the extinguishment  
of Indian title for whole of the peninsula of Michigan north of

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Grand River. Crooks thinks treaty is being held in Washington to be rid of great number of claimants who would attend negotiations at a convenient place. Recommends that Biddle & Drew present claims in person. If Gen. Jackson is determined to procure the land, means will be found to induce the Indians to sell. L.B.C. 2:311-312 1156

Jan. 2 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Claims under the Chicago treaty of Angelique Juneau and Jean Letendre have been paid. Cass has arranged to hold a treaty with Ottawas at Washington for the cession of their lands about Lake Michigan. Gives directions about claims. The Company ought to present claims before negotiations begin. Gives details regarding the market for muskrats and bears and the quality on hand. L.B.C. 2:313-314 1157

Jan. 2 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Re Abbott's plan for providing for Holiday. Holiday is to be interpreter for the Ottawas at Washington. The Ottawas have visited Jackson without invitation but Cass has decided to hold a treaty with them for the purpose of extinguishing Indian title to the whole of Michigan peninsula north of Grand River. Discusses difficulties claimants may have to be present at the treaty in Washington. Urges Abbott to aid the poor people who ought to be provided for in this negotiation. DuBay did not receive provisions sent by Abbott to Fort Winnebago. Hudson's Bay Co. have over a million muskrats. L.B.C. 2:315-316 1158

Jan. 2 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Re account with Vallee, Boyer & Co. Government will hold treaty with the Ottawas in Washington for cession of Michigan peninsula north of Grand River. If the Chippewas are invited, Franchere must send Crooks a statement of all claims of Outfit. Holiday will act as interpreter at the treaty. L.B.C. 2:317 1159

Jan. 4 -- Copenhagen -- From J. Theodore Borup  
Requests the Company to forward box to C. W. Borup. lp. 1160

Jan. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Request that the Company supply any funds needed by Honore Picotte, who brings this letter. lp. (French) 1161

Jan. 6 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Have drawn draft on the Company for the balance of account. 1162

Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Annexes invoices for furs and skins. Advises an early sale. Latest reports from Prairie du Chien were not hopeful

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- that the Indians would make good hunts. L.B.C. 2:318 116
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Discusses prices and the Company's desire that Lampson  
sell peltries as he considers best. L.B.C. 2:319 1164
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Henry R. Schoolcraft, Washington  
The Holidays are going to Washington on Jan. 7. Requests  
Schoolcraft to meet them. L.B.C. 2:320 1165
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Re treaty to be held at Washington with the Ottawas. Sus-  
pects that Saginaw Indians may be asked to join them. L.B.C. 2:  
321 1166
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Henry R. Schoolcraft, Washington  
Augustus Berthold will accompany Holidays to Washington  
but will return to New York at once. Requests Schoolcraft to  
send any communication with Berthold. Desires to know if any  
other than Ottawa Indians are to be interested in the intended  
treaty at Washington. L.B.C. 2:322 1167
- Jan. 6 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Re dates for sales. Gives details of quantity and quality  
of shipment of deer skins. Can offer no encouragement for  
shipment of Rocky mountain beaver. The great abundance of nu-  
tria will tend to lower beaver prices. Stock of furs is not  
much altered. 2p. 1168
- Jan. 6 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Send abstract of account current terminating Dec. 31,  
1835. There is a large balance in favor of Wildes. Will make  
most possible of shipment received on packet "Sampson". 1p. 1169
- Jan. 7 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Will give attention to all items in order for goods.  
Gives details of accounts. Discusses insurance difficulties in  
New York. Re Rolette's children in school in the East. L.B.C.  
2:323-324 1170
- Jan. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Re drafts drawn. Vessels are detained by adverse winds.  
L.B.C. 2:325 1171
- Jan. 7 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Re beads needed by the Company. Requests prices and terms  
of credit. L.B.C. 2:326 1172
- Jan. 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re vessels detained by contrary winds. Advises that skins

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be sold early. The Company will have public sale of all rats, beaver and others on hand. Re anticipated effects of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. L.B.C. 2:327-328 1173

Jan. 8 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, Lower Canada  
Details of workmen to be engaged for the Company. Requests form of agreement that Cottrell wishes to use. Describes plans for transporting the men to the upper lakes. L.B.C. 2:329-330 1174

Jan. 8 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Received 30 packs robes in good order. Enclose note in payment. 1p. 1175

Jan. 9 -- London; Lampson's Office -- From Benjamin Clapp  
Has had news of the New York fire. The credit of the Company is high in London. Will arrange with banker for credit of \$10,000. 1p. 1176

Jan. 9 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Discusses arrangements that the Company will make with Juneau in the matter of the Indian trade. Requests memorandum of goods needed by Juneau. Order for provisions should be sent to Brewster. L.B.C. 2:331-332 1177

Jan. 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Can supply the Company with all the beads desired at the same prices as last year. State prices. Have 100 northwest guns on hand. 2p. 1178

Jan. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Sample rifles have arrived and appear suitable. Low priced muskets will be suitable for the Government. Blankets ordered in England by Mackenzie are not satisfactory. Fear the great fire in New York may raise prices on merchandise. 2p. (French) 1179

Jan. 9 -- Washington -- From Henry R. Schoolcraft  
John Holiday is in Washington under the charge of Augustus B. Berthold. Memoranda for expenses of latter enclosed. All the Chippewa debts will be paid if they make liberal concessions. May need documents for certain claim in Congress. 3p. 1180

Jan. 11 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Re Aitken's order for traps. Wishes Crooks to decide the quantity of traps to be sent. Re blacksmith's complaint about blistered steel. Has no news from the interior. Fishing under the ice promises well. 2p. 1181

Jan. 12 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Acknowledges receipt of note in payment of robes. L.B.C. 2:333 1182

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- Jan. 12 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Includes order for goods. Asks how Crooks disposed of last year's furs and what the fur market is this year. Accounts sent by Sibley. Sibley has agreed with Stambaugh for sutling of Fort Snelling. lp. 1183
- Jan. 12 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re funds to be paid certain persons. Wish to purchase muskrat skins. lp. 1184
- Jan. 13 -- St Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Discuss mountain beaver shipped to New York. Request the Company to examine it and advise a market price. 1b. (French) 1185
- Jan. 14 -- Verdigris -- From Auguste P. Chouteau  
Gives details of skins and robes forwarded to Merle & Co. and directions about freight charges. 2p. 1186
- Jan. 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Agrees with Crooks's opinion about sale of bear skins. Re furs announced by Hudson's Bay Co. for sale. Suggests that Astor may again purchase some Hudson's Bay Co. furs. Annexes assortment and valuation of deer skins. Discusses present prices. 3p. 1187
- Jan. 14 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Offer fire insurance for the Company at a high premium. lp. 1188
- Jan. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Bates & Son, Boston  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 4:214 1189
- Jan. 15 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Sends spring order for goods. Gives amount of bills paid by Stanard for masts. No fur trade. Timber is hewn for the new store. Dwelling house is progressing fast. Hopes to do good fishing business. 2p. 1190
- Jan. 18 -- Verdigris -- From Auguste P. Chouteau  
Describes furs and peltries shipped to Merle & Co. to be forwarded to the Company. The Company will retain the net proceeds till further orders. 2b. 1191
- Jan. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Ferguson & Hall  
Enclose bill for scarlet Waterloo shawls. Are unable to procure any blue and drab shawls in Philadelphia. Can furnish more of scarlet brand. lp. 1192
- Jan. 18 -- Ance Quivinan -- From Eustache Roussain  
Sickness has prevented the Indians from hunting. Has had

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to reduce credit in order to compel hunting. Salted down trout in October and November. Has had no news from Grand Island. Re Ermatinger's supply of skins. [Nearly illegible.] 2p. (French) 1193

Jan. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Annex receipt from the Transportation Co. for goods. 1p. 1194

Jan. 19 -- New York -- To Henry R. Schoolcraft, Washington  
Re Berthold's bill of expenses for accompanying Holidays to Washington. Gives details of Holiday's cost to the Company; desires Holiday's pay from the government to be sent to the Company. Annexes copy of Berthold's bill, etc. L.B.C. 2:334-336 1195

Jan. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re accounts. Discuss high prices for beaver. Enclose draft. 1p. (French) 1196

Jan. 19 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Re financial arrangements to facilitate trading relations. 2p. 1197

Jan. 20 -- La Baie, St. Antoine -- From Charles A. Cottrell  
Re prospects for engaging workmen. May have to pay boatmen \$120 a year. Approves of the route by way of Grand River. Requests instructions about contracting with the workmen, etc. 2p. 1198

Jan. 20 -- London -- From C. M. Lamson  
At Hudson's Bay Co.'s sales, beaver has sold at an advance. Musquash was bought by large cutter to hold for speculation. Will send the Company a catalog of this sale. 1p. 1199

Jan. 20 -- Detroit -- From Solomon Sibley  
Informs Crooks that he is attempting to procure the sutlership at Fort Snelling for Henry Sibley, his son. Henry Sibley is about to make a tour of the interior. 2p. 1200

Jan. 21 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Requests information about forwarding powder. Steamboat cannot leave St. Louis for the upper Missouri until the powder arrives. L.B.C. 2:337 1201

Jan. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Montelius & Fuller  
Enclose pattern of style of printed goods for examination. 1p. 1202

Jan. 21 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has received instructions from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. re-

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garding the powder which is to be shipped. 1p. 1203

Jan. 21 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Re action of big cutter in running up the price of beaver. Advises the Company to send Rocky Mountain beaver if it will reach London within three months. Expects some French orders for deer skins. Advises that skins should be shipped between decks. 1p. 1204

Jan. 21 -- Boston -- Withington & Willson to the Company  
Wish to purchase robes direct from the Company. Will need 100 bales. 1p. 1205

Jan. 22 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Introduces Henry Chouteau. Request that Chouteau's drafts be honored. L.B.C. 2:338 1206

Jan. 23 -- Washington -- From Mary Holiday  
Is grateful for Crooks's check. Re Miss Grant's address. Asks advice about oculist in Boston. Has no more news about the treaty. Mr. Schoolcraft is very kind to Miss Holiday and her father. 2p. 1207

Jan. 23 -- Washington -- From Henry R. Schoolcraft  
Expresses thanks for the receipt of papers from Montreal about J. J. Shutton's affairs; details of the state of matter in the House committee. Re Seminole and Creek revolt; Gen. Scott has left to take command of the forces. There is danger of war with France. 3p. 1208

Jan. 25 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Account of sales is correct. Discusses necessity of packing goods securely due to poor transportation facilities in the interior. Desires that all furs and skins be sold if possible. L.B.C. 2:339-340 1209

Jan. 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has received marked catalog sent by Lampson. Hopes that beaver can be kept at a fair price. Desires that all furs be sold at Lampson's spring sale if practicable. The Company desires to settle accounts with firms in the interior. L.B.C. 2:341 1210

Jan. 25 -- New York -- To Crary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool  
Approves arrangement for shipping goods. L.B.C. 2:342 1211

Jan. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Garber & O'Connor  
Re settlement of freight bill and the sum deducted on the damaged furs. Discuss plans for improvement in transportation. Firm will be James O'Connor & Co. 2p. 1212

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- Jan. 26 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
Requests that DuPonts ship powder at an earlier date.  
L.B.C. 2:343 1213
- Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Has requested DuPonts to forward powder. L.B.C. 2:344  
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- Jan. 26 -- Boston -- From Elbridge Brown  
Re arrangements for paying for robes. Desires reduction  
on the bill for the inferior robes. 1p. 1215
- Jan. 26 -- Gr en Bay -- From John Lawe  
Amable Grignon is in need of men. DuBay's outfit is trad-  
ing all along the Wisconsin river as far as the Portage. Some  
goods were lost in transportation on the river. Gives details  
of competitors on all sides. Is bitter against Rolette. Lawe  
is very discouraged over the whole situation. Discusses order  
of goods for next year and the prospects for hiring Canadians.  
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- Jan. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Resume of past correspondence concerning beads ordered for  
the Company by McKenzie. Will sell northwest guns to the Com-  
pany at a reduced price. Stock of various kinds of beads for  
the Indian trade is very large. 2p. 1217
- Jan. 27 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Re contents of letter of Jan. 21. The Ohio is closed;  
cannot tell when it will be navigable. 1p. 1218
- Jan. 28 -- New York -- To Stephen Nidelet, Philadelphia  
Gives details about check in payment of certain accounts  
of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 2:345 1219
- Jan. 28 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Re quality of certain beaver and the  
price likely to be obtained. The Company will offer all beaver  
at public sale. The date of the sale is earlier than usual, at  
the request of the hat manufacturers. The season has been very  
favorable for the sale of robes. Describes difficulty in fill-  
ing order for domestic goods, since the destructive fire oc-  
curred. Re shipment of part of the order. Discusses the need  
to send orders early, especially for French blankets. Annexes  
letter from Geisse & Korckhauss in regard to the beads ordered  
by Mackenzie in 1833. Discusses this matter. L.B.C. 2:346-349  
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- Jan. 29 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Encloses note to be credited on account. 1p. 1221



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- Jan. 29 -- Buffalo -- From William Brewster  
Found prices of provisions high along the route. Re matters connected with the new vessel and wage paid captains of Lake boats. Fur competition is threatened. 2p. 1222
- Jan. 29 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Will follow instructions about the disposal of the Company's property in London. Expects to clear the warehouse at the spring sale. Will be difficult to sell bear. Did not learn the Company's desire about the purchase of musquash until after Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale had taken place. Discusses entering into speculation. 2p. 1223
- Jan. 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Navigation is interrupted both on the Ohio and the Mississippi. Enclose draft. 1p. (French) 1224
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Elbridge Brown, Boston  
Has drawn draft in payment of robes as directed. L.B.C. 2:350 1225
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses custom house certificate and bill of lading for shipment of merchandise to be forwarded to St. Louis. Will ship goods for Prairie du Chien later. L.B.C. 2:351 1226
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Garber & O'Conner, Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. Discusses delays in shipment via Pittsburgh. L.B.C. 2:352-353 1227
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, La Baie St. Antoine, Lower Canada  
Re failure to hear from Cottrell. L.B.C. 2:354 1228
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Discusses drafts, bills, and rates of exchange. Has no reports from the interior. The Company will have public sale in February; discusses the prospects for the sale. L.B.C. 2:355-356 1229
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re invoices and accounts. The goods have not yet been received. L.B.C. 2:357 1230
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Grary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool  
Consignment of goods has arrived in port. Re account. L.B.C. 2:358 1231
- Jan. 30 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son  
Annex bill for rifles shipped on sleds which go thru New York. Asks for draft in payment. [Son has entered partnership with his father.] 1p. 1232

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- Jan. 30 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Duplicate of memorandum for Stambaugh sent. Hunt has been better than that of the previous year. 1p. 1233
- Jan. 30 -- Washington -- From Henry R. Schoolcraft  
Indian delegation is expected in March. Discusses the excitement over the chartering of the U.S. Bank by the Pa. legislature. 2p. 1234
- Jan. 30 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Consignment on packet "Ontario" has not yet arrived; will be given the usual attention. 1p. 1235
- Feb. 1 -- Black River -- From George Jones  
Is making progress in constructing the vessel. Gives details of the design of the vessel. 2p. 1236
- Feb. 1 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re furs received from A. P. Chouteau to be forwarded to the Company. 1p. 1237
- Feb. 2 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Circular saying that the Company will hold its sale early at the request of dealers and manufacturers. Will offer its entire stock of beaver, muskrats and otters. Requests the presence of prospective buyers. Annexes a list of buyers to whom the circular was sent. L.B.C. 2:359-360 1238
- Feb. 2 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Give details of Chouteau's request for security; regret being unable to acquiesce in his plan. 2p. 1239
- Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for shipment of goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 2:361 1240
- Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Has received note in payment of robes. Regrets Bellows' difficulties in receiving robes. L.B.C. 2:362 1241
- Feb. 4 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
The Company has arranged with the bearer, Chas. A. Cottrell of La Baie St. Antoine, to engage workmen. Requests Vallée, Boyer & Co. to honor Cottrell's drafts to the amount of \$500 and debit the same to the Company. L.B.C. 2:363 1242
- Feb. 4 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, Lower Canada  
Has received Cottrell's letter and sample of the form of agreement to be used in engaging workmen; encloses letter of credit to meet Cottrell's expenses and disbursements. Cottrell

is to engage fifty boatmen, four coopers, a baker, for a term of 3 years and 2 months. Every contract will have to be acknowledged before a notary at St. Mary's. Tells the kind of men to hire. Will pay higher wages if necessary to obtain good workmen. Prefers men from country parishes. Will arrange with Vallee, Boyer & Co. about a guide and canoe equipment. Gives details concerning the posts at which workmen will be placed.  
L.B.C. 2:364-367 1243

Feb. 5 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Has paid funds to Picotte, as requested. Re sale of certain shipment of beaver. Plans for public sale on Feb. 18. The market is dull; the Company consider the prospects fair for beaver and otters. The result of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale in London will largely determine prices. Discusses probable prices for furs and skins. A large quantity of Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s peltries will be in the next London sale. Advises sending all deer and raccoons to London and selling all muskrats at home. Explains delays in forwarding goods. L.B.C. 2:368-370 1244

Feb. 5 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for shipment of furs. lp. 1245

Feb. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co. (Per William Renshaw)

Request payment of \$100 to Cabanne to be charged on account. lp. 1246

Feb. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co. (Per Renshaw)

Re draft drawn. lp. 1247

Feb. 6 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry & Son, Boulton

Has received rifles; encloses note in payment. L.B.C. 2:371 1248

Feb. 6 -- New York -- To Henry R. Schoolcraft, Washington

Discusses protest raised by auditor concerning the Company's bill of expenses in sending Holiday to Washington. L.B.C. 2:372 1249

Feb. 6 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Encloses marked catalog of deer skin sale. Buyers had expected to buy at low prices. Statement of different grades of skins and the prices received. This collection was the finest offered in London in the last five years. Prices are high. Competition among the buyers at Frankfort has kept the prices down on the continent. Orders for the London market are becoming more general and more divided. Western and New Orleans skins cannot be sold to any advantage in Germany. Advises that

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common skins be sold in New York. 2p.

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Feb. 7 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re drafts honored. Discusses delay in filling Pratte,  
Chouteau's order for goods. Re procedure for blankets. Dis-  
cusses the market conditions for furs and skins. L.B.C. 2:446-  
448 1251

Feb. 8 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Regrets plan pursued by Gotts in filling order for goods.  
The Company desired low priced goods in order to meet competi-  
tion in the interior trade. L.B.C. 2:373 1252

Feb. 8 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe  
Encloses draft of Joseph Vieau drawn on the Secretary of  
War. The Grignons complain about DuBay's trading everywhere.  
Lawe wishes Crooks to employ Canadians for him if legal ar-  
rangements can be made. The sons of Augustin Grignon are trad-  
ing in opposition to the Company. 4p. 1253

Feb. 9 -- New York -- To Montelius & Fuller, Philadelphia  
Goods have arrived in good condition. Wishes to know the  
term of credit for payment. L.B.C. 2:374 1254

Feb. 9 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Have no order for northwest guns at present. Pratte,  
Chouteau & Co. have not replied regarding the lot of beads or-  
dered by Mackenzie. Encloses note in payment of goods. L.B.C.  
2:375 1255

Feb. 9 -- New York -- To Miss Z. P. Grant, Ipswich  
The Company will pay drafts for expenses for Jane Holiday.  
Wishes to know approximately the expenses per quarter. L.B.C.  
2:375 1/2 1256

Feb. 9 -- New York -- To Mary Holiday, Washington  
Has written to Miss Grant concerning Jane's expenses. The  
doctor who advises cure of Holiday's eyes is probably a fake.  
L.B.C. 2:376 1257

Feb. 9 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Has not received complaints from other customers about the  
robes. Robes furnished to Vallée, Boyer & Co. were equal in  
quality to those supplied to other buyers. May be able to fill  
order for muskrats after the auction sale. Gives details of  
directions sent to Cottrell and of assistance that Cottrell  
will need. L.B.C. 2:377-380 1258

Feb. 10 -- Boulton -- J. Joseph Henry & Son to the Company  
Acknowledge the receipt of note in payment of rifles. 1p.  
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Feb. 10 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Re accounts. Fall business is good. Provisions situation is not changing. Discusses plans for new brig; re buying supplies for her. Plans to buy furs up before the results of the spring sale are known. Gives Juneau's order for flint, flour, etc. He reports that Indian trade will not bring 10 packs. Stanard has entered the fur business. Certain articles in an order are as cheap in Detroit as in New York. Gives details of contracts for whiskey, flour, pork, and lard; and for lowest offer for tallow, butter, cheese, and ham. Has accepted a certain offer for salt. Supplies are difficult to get. Gives directions to Abbott and Franchere about fish business. Has advised Williams of the probability of a treaty in Washington. Buffalo is a poor fish market. Asks instructions re payment to Compard Hoquillard. 2p. 1260

Feb. 10 -- Milwaukee -- From Bela Chapman

Has heard there is to be a treaty at Washington with the Ottawas; forwards claim against the Ottawas and Chippewas, contracted in 1819-1820. Has made claim for absolute loss sustained by the Outfit. Thinks the chief may be prevailed upon at Washington to acknowledge the claim. Has written to Schoolcraft on the subject. 2p. 1261

Feb. 10 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhaus

Have received note for amount of bill. 1p. 1262

Feb. 10 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons

Enclose invoice. Are preparing other orders for shipment. There are no material changes in prices. 1p. 1263

Feb. 10 -- Philadelphia -- From Montelius & Fuller

States terms of credit and advantages given in lower prices and different measure than in New York. 1p. 1264

Feb. 11 -- Washington -- From William H. Ashley

Desires to have Crooks's ideas on the subject of modifying act regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes. 1p. 1265

Feb. 11 -- New York -- To L. M. Hoffman & Co., Present

Gives notice of the Company's public sale of furs and skins. Requests that the sale be advertised in the Philadelphia papers. L.B.C. 2:381 1266

Feb. 12 -- St Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co. (per Renshaw)

Details of enclosed drafts. 1p. 1267

Feb. 12 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette

Re order for porter wine and other goods. Encloses on the

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same sheet a letter (no. 1269) from Stambaugh relative to these orders and asks for their consideration. 2p. 1268

Feb. 12 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Samuel C. Stambaugh  
Re order for porter wine and other goods. Enclosed in no. 1268. 2p. 1269

Feb. 13 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Will send empty bags to Brewster. Advises that fish barrels be ordered from Detroit in the future. Re supplies for retail store. Advises that Astor be asked to help Holiday. Has requested Franchere to make out a statement of Indian debts at the Sault to send to Crooks. John Drew is going East with a delegation of Indians for negotiations of treaty; advice to him; advice to Crooks; has given Drew the claims of Abbott and those of old concern against the Indians. Early cold weather made a failure of Indian fall hunts about Mackinac; Indians expect good spring returns. 3p. 1270

Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Montelius & Fuller, Philadelphia  
Encloses note in payment of goods. L.B.C. 2:382 1271

Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Henry R. Schoolcraft, Washington  
Desires information as to the probable day when negotiation with the Indians will begin. Crooks will attend the treaty. L.B.C. 2:383 1272

Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for shipment of goods to be forwarded to St. Louis at earliest opportunity, as the steamboat for the upper Missouri waits for these goods. L.B.C. 2:384 1273

Feb. 13 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Has ordered provisions from Brewster. Encloses account of claims against three United Nations. Suggests that if Indians were given presents, they might sign claim account. Has heard that interpreter Robinson and some chiefs have gone to Washington; does not know their object. Thinks Crooks may persuade them to sign. Small peddlers are on all sides. Has enough Indian goods for the next annuity payment except a few pairs of blankets. A friend of Juneau in Milwaukee desires to buy Company's establishment at Mackinac; wishes to know the price and terms. Cannot give an idea of immigration in surrounding region. 2p. (French) 1274

Feb. 13 -- Grand River -- From Rix Robinson  
Encloses statement of Indian account. [Not enclosed]. Has been requested by Schoolcraft and Lyon to advise Indian chiefs of desires of Government and to accompany chiefs to Washington. Claims of Outfit against the Indians are consider-

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able. Trowbridge of the Michigan Bank will furnish funds for Indian expenses. Trade is poor; Indians have had small-pox. Goods arrived late; great difficulty in supplying posts. Boat carrying supplies to Kalamazoo was wrecked. Indians are extremely shy of papers and amounts. 3p. 1275

Feb. 13 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Discuss plans for spring sales and for settling accounts. 1p. 1276

Feb. 15 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Sends order for Northern Outfit; Crooks is to make alterations, if advisable. Dousman will rent the Company a certain house and store. 1p. 1277

Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re accounts. Goods have arrived; part of shipment was not carefully packed. L.B.C. 2:385 1278

Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Goods have arrived in good order. Regrets delay in part of order which is needed in the Missouri country. L.B.C. 2:386 1279

Feb. 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Discusses Lampson's report of the fur market. Regrets slight demand for Rocky Mountain Beaver. Will follow directions about shipping deer and raccoons in pecks. L.B.C. 2:387-388 1280

Feb. 15 -- Liverpool -- From Cray, Fletcher & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading and note of charges. Give details of certain shipments. 2p. 1281

Feb. 15 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- Gabriel Franchere to Sewell  
Order of music. 1p. 1282

Feb. 15 -- Philadelphia -- From Montelius & Fuller  
Acknowledge receipt of note. 1p. 1283

Feb. 15 -- Washington -- From Henry R. Schoolcraft  
Negotiations with the Indians will begin about Mar. 1; wishes Crooks to come to Washington then. 1p. 1284

Feb. 15 & 16 -- St. Mary's -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Discusses the recent actions of Berthkeht. Reports on the fishing. Asks to have the accounts for Sault Ste. Marie closed on Sept. 30 in the future. Reports on fish taken at the Ance. The fur trade is dull there. Has made arrangements for cooperating. The pier is to be built later. Sends claim against the Indians in case the treaty is made. Hudson's Bay Co. is to

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build a 50 ton schooner for the lake. Will fish much next year. Encloses memorandum of sundries. Cobbs has affidavits for the Company's claims against the Indians for 1832-1835. 10p. 1285

Feb. 16 -- Washington -- From Mary Holiday

Quotes from letters from oculist in Boston. Discusses a letter from Robert Stuart concerning claim against the Chipewas. Her brother William Holiday has arrived with a deputation of Indians. 1p. 1286

Feb. 17 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Encloses invoices for all domestic goods purchased. Part of the English goods are still lacking. Discusses the various kinds of goods on the market and the difficulties in filling orders. L.B.C. 2:389-390 1287

Feb. 17 -- Boston -- Cornelius Hersey to the Company

Encloses check for bill for buffalo robes. 1p. 1288

Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Encloses bill of lading for shipment of goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 2:391 1289

Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

The public sale was satisfactory; the entire lot of skins was sold. Re prices. L.B.C. 2:392 1290

Feb. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co. [Extract]

Give details of delay by Geisse & Korckhauss in filling order for beads. Firm cannot use these beads now. L.B.C. 2:452 1291

Feb. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re accounts. Regret delay in receiving merchandise. The government has advertised for contracts Mar. 1. If the invoices are not received, Pratte, Chouteau & Co. will be much embarrassed on account of having no information as to the cost prices of the goods. Have been disappointed in the French blankets. Will not buy canton crepe shawls. Have written to Geisse & Korckhauss about the beads ordered by Mackenzie in 1833. Do not think they are obliged to take the beads. Have not yet received accounts for the sale of skins. 2p. (French) 1292

Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Discusses prices received for beaver. Nutria is selling at very low rates; silk hats are increasing; beaver cannot possibly rise. Will render complete account soon. The prospects in London continue encouraging. L.B.C. 2:393-394 1293



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- Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallé, Ste. Genevieve  
Re the sale of skins and the prices obtained. Hopes to  
receive further consignments soon. L.B.C. 2:395 1294
- Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Encloses seconds of bill of exchange. L.B.C. 2:397 1295
- Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
The public sale went off with great spirit. Gives details  
of prices received. Re accounts. Prices on recent shipment of  
goods are too high. Annexes a copy of invoice to be corrected.  
L.B.C. 2:398-400 1296
- Feb. 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
The public sale is terminated satisfactorily. Had large  
attendance of buyers; cleared the entire catalog. Is ready  
for a new crop. Encloses marked catalog. Re beaver market.  
L.B.C. 2:401-402 1297
- Feb. 19 -- Black River -- From George Jones  
It is too cold to work on the brig. Captain Stanard ar-  
rived Feb. 18. lp. 1298
- Feb. 19 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Send invoice of flints and pipes. [Not enclosed.] The  
prospects are good for spring sales. Expect many buyers. lp.  
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- Feb. 20 -- New York -- To Mary Holiday, Washington  
Gives details of evidence that the Boston oculist is a  
mere pretender. Advises that Holiday should not employ him.  
Discusses Stuart's duties in the matter of Indian credits.  
L.B.C. 2:403-404 1300
- Feb. 20 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Have forwarded Crooks's letter to Cottrell. Re draft  
drawn. lp. 1301
- Feb. 22 -- Boston -- From Gill & Wheelock  
Have forwarded a case of goods at the order of Bellows.  
lp. 1302
- Feb. 22 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re success of the public sale. Expects to have more musk-  
rats soon; will secure a supply for Vallée, Boyer & Co. if  
desired. L.B.C. 2:405 1303
- Feb. 23 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Robinson is on his way to Washington from Grand River with  
an Indian delegation. Discusses conversation with him. Drew  
is expected to go with Mackinac delegation. Williams says that

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the Saginaws have not been invited to treat. Crooks should compel payment from the Saginaw and Schiwassee. Inquires if he shall fill provisions order left by Robinson. 2p. 1304

Feb. 23 -- New York -- To F. & D. Samuel, Philadelphia  
Annexes bill for skins purchased; requests a note in payment. L.B.C. 2:406 1305

Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Smith & Brown, Philadelphia  
Annexes bill for skins; requests note in payment. Wishes directions about forwarding skins. L.B.C. 2:407 1306

Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Francis Ponaud, Pittsburgh  
Gives details of powder forwarded from Brandywine. Wagons are expected to reach Pittsburgh in 23 days. L.B.C. 2:408 1307

Feb. 23 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has honored draft. A rise in the price of provisions exceeds the worst apprehensions but provisions must be had. Flint corn is important for Lake Superior. Requests that Juneau's order be filled. Brewster should find out from Robinson what Indians expect to do at Washington. Advises a written agreement with Stanard. Wishes to know when the brig is likely to be ready for use. The public sale went off very well. L.B.C. 2:409-411 1308

Feb. 24 -- Liverpool -- From Crary, Fletcher & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for goods shipped. Charges on these goods have been placed to the debit of G. Wildes & Co. lp. 1309

Feb. 24 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Describes the Company's public sale. Buyers were well pleased. Discusses prices for beaver and muskrats. Crooks favors clearing annual collection every year. Re directions to London agents to sell all the skins possible. Brewster may buy at last year's rates except for beaver and muskrats. L.B.C. 2:412-414 1310

Feb. 24 -- Philadelphia -- From Smith & Brown  
Re endorsement on note and position of endorser. lp. 1311

Feb. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From F. & D. Samuel ,  
Enclose note in payment for furs. lp. 1312

Feb. 25 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Gives details of accounts with Gratiot and Cabanne. Annexes invoice for powder shipped to Pittsburgh. Re expenses for transportation. L.B.C. 2:415-417 1313

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- Feb. 25 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Black River, Ohio  
Is pleased with the progress in building of the new brig; hopes the brig will be ready for the spring business. Gives details of the cost and the quality of mattresses. Wishes to know about purchasing bedding in New York. Suggests that the entire list of equipment for the new vessel be arranged with Brewster. Capt. Stanard's brother has married Miss Franchere at St. Mary's. L.B.C. 2:418-419 1314
- Feb. 25 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Describes rivalry in the trade reported by Corbin. Warren will write to Schoolcraft on the matter. Allan Morrison reports good fall hunts at Red Lake. Has collected very few furs at Lapointe. Sends order for 20 barrels of superfine flour for Hall. 2p. 1315
- Feb. 26 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Encloses bill for socks shipped. The price is as low as can be afforded. 1p. 1316
- Feb. 26 -- La Baie, St. Antoine -- From Charles A. Cottrell  
Has received form of agreement and letter of credit. Has had contracts printed in French. Discusses the securing of men. 2p. 1317
- Feb. 26 -- New York -- To F. & D. Samuel, Philadelphia  
Has received note. Discusses time required to collect notes on Philadelphia. L.B.C. 2:420 1318
- Feb. 26 -- New York -- To Smith & Brown, Philadelphia  
Gives directions about notes. Suggests that muskrat packs should be wrapped for shipment. Desires instructions about marking packs. L.B.C. 2:421 1319
- Feb. 26 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Black River, Ohio  
Regrets delay in the construction of the brig, which will be badly needed in the spring. Wishes directions about supplies L.B.C. 2:422 1320
- Feb. 26 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Fur buyers from the continent have arrived and are examining furs in the warehouse. Expects to sell all furs at satisfactory prices, except bear skins. Buyers seem eager for raccoons. Advises that agents at Detroit and St. Louis make early purchases of raccoons. Kohler will export a consignment of deer skins to Germany without offering them in London market. Discusses plans to maintain good prices. Consignments direct to the continent are very harmful. Hopes to have sale of deer skins in July; skins should arrive in June. Otter skins will sell high this season. 2p. 1321

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- Feb. 26 -- Dayton -- From David Stone  
Sends detailed order for robes. 1p. 1322
- Feb. 27 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Discuss arrangements about drafts on Liverpool, etc. En-  
close accounts for the sales of deer skins. 2p. 1323
- Feb. 28 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Robes from the upper Missouri appear satisfactory. Goods  
needed for the upper Missouri exceed the quantity ordered. Re  
additional order for guns, rifles, powder, and strouds. Hope  
to receive the guns and cloth in May. 2p. (French) 1324
- Feb. 29 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Draft to be honored. Will send invoice for part of the  
English goods. L.B.C. 2:423 1325
- Feb. 29 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Confirms arrangement offered to have open account to the  
extent of 10,000. Re drafts. L.B.C. 2:424 1326
- Feb. 29 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has received marked catalogs of the fur sales. Regrets  
that beaver and muskrat sales are still speculative. Re hopes  
to increase the demand for muskrats. Will ship beaver to Lamp-  
son if possible. Will follow directions about stowage of deer  
skins. L.B.C. 2:425-426 1327
- Feb. 29 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester  
Have had a satisfactory conversation with agent represent-  
ing Crafts & Stell. Re directions about invoices. Has opened  
credit in London for Crafts & Stell. L.B.C. 2:427 1328
- Mar. 1 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Gives details of account of A. P. Chouteau. L.B.C. 2:428  
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- Mar. 1 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Annexes bill for furs purchased at public sale; requests  
a note in payment. L.B.C. 2:429 1330
- Mar. 1 -- To Auguste P. Chouteau, Western Creek Agency,  
Arkansas  
Re insurance on Chouteau's furs and skins. Deer skins  
will sell at good prices; other skins will bring fair rates,  
except bears which have hardly any value. L.B.C. 2:430 1331
- Mar. 1 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, La Baie St.  
Antoine  
Requests Cottrell to hire two blacksmiths who can make  
axes, traps and other Indian tools. Re pay and term of con-

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- tract. Vallée, Boyer & Co. will assist in finding mechanics in Montreal. L.B.C. 2:431 1332
- Mar. 1 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re accounts. Wishes to know the prospects of obtaining further payments from Mayrand. Has written to Cottrell about blacksmiths. L.B.C. 2:432 1333
- Mar. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re accounts. Enclose note from Daniel Lamont to pay certain sums to Jas. Keith and Rev. D. Jones on account of K. Mackenzie. lp. (French) 1334
- Mar. 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Smith & Brown  
Enclose note for amount of bill. Wish skins shipped by railroad. lp. 1335
- Mar. 2 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Gives information from Saginaw regarding the Indian treaty situation. Williams has gone to Washington to persuade the government to treat with the Saginaws. Is glad to hear of high expectations for fish. lp. 1336
- Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Gen. Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Encloses claims of Bela Chapman and Solomon Juneau against the Indians who are to hold treaty at Washington. Desires that these claims be placed before commissioner at once. L.B.C. 2:433 1337
- Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Annexes bill for robes; requests note in payment. L.B.C. 2:434 1338
- Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Bela Chapman, Milwaukee  
Chapman's claim for \$6256 against the Chippewas and Ottawa is received. Crooks intends to be present at the treaty. Gratiot was directed to place this claim before the commissioner at once. Is gratified that Chapman has written to Schoolcraft. L.B.C. 2:435 1339
- Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Juneau's claim against the Indians has been transmitted to Washington. Crooks will see Hamlin & Robinson who will assist in obtaining the claim. Will fill order for goods; Brewster will supply provisions. Regrets decline in the Indian trade. The Company has not decided to sell Mackinac establishment but might accept a good offer. L.B.C. 2:436 1340
- Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Annexes a statement of funds advanced to Henry Chouteau. Re commission charges of Vallée, Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 2:437 1341

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- Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Henry R. Schoolcraft, Washington  
Requests Schoolcraft's opinion as to the time the treaty will be held. Crooks does not wish to go to Washington earlier than it is necessary. L.B.C. 2:438 1342
- Mar. 3 -- New York -- To Smith & Brown, Philadelphia  
Has received notes in payment of skins. Will follow directions in shipping packs. L.B.C. 2:439 1343
- Mar. 3 -- Washington -- From Henry R. Schoolcraft  
Some of the Grand River delegation has arrived. 1p. 1344
- Mar. 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Annexes invoice for English goods. Describes the condition of certain packages, including the blankets. No marked change has taken place in the prices of woollens. Regrets that strouds are not of the quality ordered. French blankets ordered thru Loubat have not arrived. Regrets uncertainty in obtaining woollens from France; promises of importers and agents are worthless. Re accounts. L.B.C. 2:440-441 1345
- Mar. 4 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Has given attention to various claims sent by Crooks. Discusses deputation of Indians who protest against the sale of their lands. Desires information about the land for sale below the prairie. 2p. 1346
- Mar. 4 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Sons  
Enclose note in payment of bill. 1p. 1347
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
Encloses order for powder. Will arrange for the delivery of powder. L.B.C. 2:442 1348
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Rix Robinson, Washington  
Brewster has informed the Company that Robinson was to accompany Indians to Washington. Crooks desires to know when the negotiations with the Indians will open. Discusses Lyon's and Schoolcraft's assurances that all just claims will be allowed. Claims must be inserted in the treaty in order to obtain payment. Re claims of Chapman and Juneau. Crooks will go to Washington when negotiations begin. L.B.C. 2:443-444 1349
- Mar. 5 -- Washington -- From Mary Holiday  
Small party of Grand River Indians arrived Mar. 3. Another party conducted by Mr. Robinson is expected soon. The Secretary of War will give instructions to the Commissioners for the treaty when Robinson's delegation arrives. Indians in Washington do not seem to know that the U.S. government is going to make a treaty with them. Indians told John Holiday they had come to prevent the sale of their lands. 2p. 1350

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- Mar. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have sent a boat to Bluffs with articles needed. Have obtained contract from the Government. 1p. (French) 1351
- Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Henry R. Schoolcraft, Washington  
Encloses letter for Robinson. Crooks will delay in going to Washington until Schoolcraft is ready to begin negotiations. L.B.C. 2:445 1352
- Mar. 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re prices of rats and kittens at the Company's public sale. Crooks advises sale of rats even at a loss. Is pleased with the prospects for deer skins. Hopes that Lampson can clear his entire catalog. The Company expects a fair crop of muskrats, in 1836. Does not wish to have them accumulate. L.B.C. 2:449-449 1/2 1353
- Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Gives details of the Company's insurance arrangements. Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 2:450 1354
- Mar. 8 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Crooks will visit Philadelphia soon. Will enclose a copy of reply from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. in regard to the beads ordered by Mackenzie in 1833. L.B.C. 2:451 1355
- Mar. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Duncan Lamont  
Gives details of personal favors to members of the family. 1p. 1356
- Mar. 8 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
At Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale otters sold at advance over last year's prices. Martins sold high. Exporters bought heavily but furriers very little. Mink skins and lynx sold at an advance of 35 to 40 per cent. This sale is the best in many years. Encloses a catalog of the sale. 2p. 1357
- Mar. 9 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for the remainder of English goods which have been forwarded via New Orleans. Re prospects for deer skins at the next London sale. The Company has advised that all bear skins be sold at whatever price may be obtained. Annexes Lampson's assortment and valuation of some of Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s skins. L.B.C. 2:453-454 1358
- Mar. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received invoice for merchandise. Are pleased that the Company has disposed of skins at a good price. Hope that the supply in England has been disposed of. 1p. (French) 1359
- Mar. 9 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Regret that the Company considers prices on some goods too

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high. Re plans for packing goods for shipment. Are proceeding in filling orders. Clapp is in Leeds. 2p. 1360

Mar. 10 -- New York -- To David Stone, Dayton

Explains arrangements by which Stone may obtain robes. Regrets not seeing Stone in New York; will receive proposal Stone intended to offer. L.B.O. 2:455 1361

Mar. 10 -- London -- From C. M. Lamppson (per Pearsall)

Gives results of the day's sales. Raccoons have sold at extremely high prices. The average advance from last sale is 50 per cent. 1p. 1362

Mar. 10 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Has been fortunate in the fall business. It was a miracle that the two boats arrived at Green Bay & Mackinaw. Did not take memorandum of Franchere's order. Encloses invoice of 30 packs of skins from Comparet & Coquillard. Will attend to fixing Capt. Stanard's compensation for sailing the "Ramsay Crooks". Men could not work on the brig on account of the weather. It has been the most severe winter he has ever seen. Thinks the brig will be ready for use by the middle of April. Is pleased with the result of the New York sale. Expects favorable results from last season's purchases. Will open the spring campaign quietly. Contemplates sending agents thru Canada, by way of Huron and up the White & Wabash rivers to buy furs. Johnstown people have bought most of the deer skins in the country. Wants skins of the Company not fit for shipment. Inquires about the policy of sending goods on hand to Northern Outfit. 4p. 1363

Mar. 11 -- Nicolet -- From Charles A. Cottrell

Gives details of men employed. Will have to go to Montreal to secure coopers and a baker. Men have been notified to meet Apr. 28 to leave for Montreal. Asks about blankets for the men. 1p. 1364

Mar. 11 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

Incloses order for goods. Timber is ready for use. Gives details of an agreement with Edwards for fishing business. States Brewster's estimate of fish prices for next season. Men are going to the sugar camps. 3p. 1365

Mar. 11 -- Washington -- From Mary Holiday

Robinson accompanied by six chiefs has arrived. Stuart came with them. Drew and three chiefs from Mackinac are expected Mar. 12. Schoolcraft told Holiday that negotiations for a treaty with the Indians would begin Mar. 14. 1p. 1366

Mar. 11 -- Black River -- From George Jones

Little progress is being made on the brig. Discusses the



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furnishings for the brig. 1p.

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Mar. 11 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Gives details of results of fur sales. Extremely high prices paid may lead furriers astray next year. Advises the Company and Halsey to hurry forward all the raccoons possible for the fall sales. Prices are almost certain to be kept high. All bear skins are disposed of. Gives prices on various kinds of fox skins. The sale will amount to about \$60,000. 2p. 1368

Mar. 12 -- Washington -- From Rix Robinson

Is glad that Crooks will attend the treaty meeting. Understands that the government is disposed to purchase the remaining part of the peninsula and a portion northwest of Mackinac. Drew and several chiefs are expected. Stuart will remain until business is completed. 1p. 1369

Mar. 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Encloses marked catalog of fur sale. Compares the prices with the autumn sale prices. This sale is the best that has taken place in many years. Does not expect much decline in prices by autumn. Desires Detroit raccoons for the autumn sales. 2p. 1370

Mar. 14 -- London -- From Wildes &amp; Co.

Regret errors in invoices; also the slowness in forwarding goods. Is pleased to hear of Crooks's success in selling beaver at the public sale. 1p. 1371

Mar. 14 -- New York -- To Merle &amp; Co., New Orleans

Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 2:456 1372

Mar. 14 -- New York -- To Smith &amp; Brown, Philadelphia

Has shipped the muskrats as directed. Re insurance. L.B.C. 2:457 1373

Mar. 14 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau &amp; Co., St. Louis

Will give the best attention to filling the order for guns, rifles and strouds. Requests that drafts be drawn for moderate sums in times when money is scarce. Re Stone's proposal to purchase robes in St. Louis. L.B.C. 2:458-459 1374

Mar. 14 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry &amp; Son, Boulton

Will take rifles as soon as they can be delivered. Describes additional rifles of specific kind wanted by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 2:460 1375

Mar. 15 -- New York -- To Rix Robinson, Washington

Will not regret much if no treaty is made in Washington;

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much more satisfactory treaty can be made at Lake Michigan where a full assembly of Indians and all others interested can attend. Urges that Robinson should not agree to any compromise about the claims. Sends additional claims to be provided for. Encloses a letter to be delivered to Drew. L.B.C. 2:461-462

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Mar. 15 -- New York -- To Mary Holiday, Washington

Hopes Holiday will get some allowance from the Indians. Crooks may not be present at the treaty; desires to be kept informed of all that is going on. Reports from the Ance show little trade; Indians have been sick. L.B.C. 2:463

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Mar. 15 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester

Encloses order for samples of blankets, strouds, and cloth. Circumstances compel the use of cheap goods; is not likely in the future to require any large quantity of superior goods. Uniformity in goods is of much importance. Indians are capital judges of blankets. Will arrange to make payment on the best terms possible. L.B.C. 2:464-465

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Mar. 15 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

All furs were sold at the sale. The proceeds are about 15,000 more than Lampson expected. States advances on different kinds of furs; greatest advance was on Detroit raccoons. lp.

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Mar. 15 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot

Has delivered to Robert Stuart the letter for Robinson who is in charge of the delegation of Indians. Will also give Juneau's and Chapman's claims to Stuart. lp.

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Mar. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Details of accounts. Are disappointed in not receiving thread and brass wire. lp. (French)

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Mar. 16 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Letters from the upper end of Lake Superior indicate that returns will be fair. Encloses letters for Clapp and Borup. L.B.C. 2:466

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Mar. 16 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son

Explains delay in filling orders. Cannot fill the Company's order before May 1. The price of Lancaster pattern rifle is \$10. lp.

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Mar. 17 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole

Has received socks; has credited account. L.B.C. 2:467

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Mar. 17 -- Washington -- From Mary Holiday

Indians (25 in number accompanied by gentlemen attending

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them) called on the President and the Secretary of War. The President received them handsomely. Schoolcraft has offered them the propositions of the government relative to the purchase of their land. Schoolcraft told them money would be appropriated for the payment of their debts. Schoolcraft showed on a map the land the government wanted to purchase. The Indians asked for three days in which to consider the matter. Schoolcraft desires Crooks to come to Washington. Supposes that the white friends of the Indians are influencing them to decline treating with the government. 2p. 1385

Mar. 18 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry & Son, Boulton  
Stresses the importance of delivering the rifles on time.  
Re order for additional rifles. L.B.C. 2:468 1386

Mar. 18 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Schoolcraft says claims against the Ottawas will be paid in the country by a commission to be appointed under the treaty if one is made. Schoolcraft advises that Crooks come to Washington without delay. lp. 1387

Mar. 19 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Discusses result of Lampson's deer skin sale. High prices have been produced by excessive competition among leather dealers on the continent. Re prospects for future sales. Gives details of the supply of guns obtainable. L.B.C. 2:469-470 1388

Mar. 19 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Give directions for shipping muskrat and otter skins. lp. 1389

Mar. 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
States prices received for certain lots of raccoons. The fur business was never before so prosperous. Trade looks healthy. The present extravagant prices are likely to decline to good average prices. States prices given at Rows's sale. Will write fully of the prospects after hearing from Leipsic. Is pleased that the Company's sale in New York went off so well. Discusses the muskrat market. 2p. 1390

Mar. 20 -- New York -- To Mary Holiday, Washington  
Gives news from the Ance related in Franchere's letter. Indian hunts were a failure. Roussain has 170 barrels of fish ready for shipment. Crooks cannot possibly go to Washington at present. L.B.C. 2:471 1391

Mar. 20 -- New York -- To Rix Robinson, Washington  
Has heard that the treaty progresses slowly. Does not approve of the proposal that a commissioner be appointed to visit the lake country next summer and determine Indian debts.

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Claimants know best what they ought to receive. All claims should be determined now; commissioner will not succeed in satisfying anybody. . Abbott has placed his claim in the hands of Drew; requests Robinson to see that Abbott's claim is brought before the treaty commissioners. Indians ought to make provision for all their relatives who are or have been connected with the whites. Crooks cannot go to Washington. L.B.C. 2: 472-473 1392

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has shipped skins to Providence to be forwarded by railroad to Boston. L.B.C. 2:474 1393

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Re directions given to Robinson about inserting claims in treaty. Government does not approve this plan. Treaty may not be made; part of the Indians are strongly opposed to selling their lands at all. Regrets that Messrs. Williams act in such an unsatisfactory manner. Crooks cannot possibly be present at the treaty without great inconvenience to Company affairs. Letters from Lake Superior are encouraging as regards business in general. Has not heard from Aitken; presumes returns from the Northern Outfit will be fair. Regrets inability to furnish Brewster with necessary information to close his books. Re contents of packs bought from Comparet & Coquillard. Advises that Brewster provide the entire furnishings for the new brig. It is important that the brig be at Buffalo when the port opens. Describes sale of Brewster's returns. Encloses Lampson's letter giving the results of the sale. L.B.C. 3:2-5 1394

Mar. 22 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Will give attention to Juneau's order. Little progress has been made in the negotiations with the Indians. L.B.C. 3:6 1395

Mar. 22 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, La Baie St. Antoine  
The form of agreement proposed by Cottrell to be made with workmen is satisfactory. Agrees that contract should be in French. Desires additional boatmen; gives details of changes in the number of mechanics needed. Discusses carpenters wanted by Lawe. Men will go to the Lakes by canoe; Vallee, Boyer & Co. will furnish supplies. L.B.C. 3:7-9 1396

Mar. 22 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son  
Describes quantity and kinds of rifles to be delivered at certain dates. Will use the best quality locks on Lancaster pattern rifles. lp. 1397

Mar. 22 -- Washington -- From Mary Holiday  
Hopes to see Jane Holiday before returning to the West.

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Most of the Ottawas in council refused to sell but later have told Schoolcraft that they would sell if they were allowed large reservations for themselves. Government expects to conclude a treaty Mar. 23. Commissioners have agreed to include in the treaty that sum of money be designated which will be given to those who are part Indian and are now in Washington. Mary Holiday will get a share of this. Indians have agreed to sell part of their land but the extent of reservations has not yet been determined. The Grand River Indians wish to be allowed to appoint Robinson a chief. Schoolcraft thinks they will be in Washington two weeks yet. 3p. 1398

Mar. 23 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Re proposition made him for rate on the Company's drafts on New York. The government is glad Williams made a move to effect treaty with the Saginaws. The weather has prevented sending buyers out. lp. 1399

Mar. 23 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell

Re invoices for blankets shipped. lp. 1400

Mar. 23 -- Liverpool -- From Crary, Fletcher & Co.

Enclose bill of lading and account of charges for goods shipped at the order of Messrs. Crafts & Stell. lp. 1401

Mar. 23 -- New York -- To Gen. Charles H. Gratiot, Washington

Is grateful for Gratiot's attention to the Company's claims against the Indians. Crooks cannot go to Washington. Is opposed to Schoolcraft's plan to settle claims thru medium of a special commissioner. No officer the government can appoint will ever arrive at a satisfactory settlement. Gives directions to see Stuart about a certain draft on the Secretary of War. L.B.C. 3:10 1402

Mar. 23 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia

When Pierre Chouteau, Jr. visits New York, the Company will try to prevail upon him to alter the recent decision of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. about the Mackenzie order of beads. Will purchase northwest guns if the prices are satisfactory. Re order for merchandise. L.B.C. 3:11-12 1403

Mar. 23 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Sends order of merchandise to be filled as early as possible. L.B.C. 3:13 1404

Mar. 23 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Drafts have been honored. Is pleased that firm obtained government contracts. Prices continue high on woollens and cottons; meagre supply is in the market. Accounts for the delay in receiving importations. Tin plate has advanced greatly in price. L.B.C. 3:14-15 1405

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- Mar. 23 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Black River Ohio  
 Regrets that the severe weather delays work on the brig.  
 Brewster will supply furniture for the brig. L.B.C. 3:16 1406
- Mar. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
 Encloses bill of exchange to be credited to the Company's  
 account. Has received report of Lampson's deer skin sale.  
 L.B.C. 3:18 1407
- Mar. 23 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
 Encloses order for woollens of lower grade. Rivals in the  
 trade use low priced articles. Desires that every article be  
 of the exact price mentioned. L.B.C. 3:19 1408
- Mar. 23 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester  
 Re errors in original order for woollens. Will allow order  
 to be shipped at later date. L.B.C. 3:20 1409
- Mar. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Has received catalog and report of Lampson's successful  
 sale. Clapp has been highly gratified with Lampson's excellent  
 management. Expects returns will be nearly the same as in  
 1835. Deer skins will not reach New York before May; will  
 forward them at once. Will sell common skins in New York.  
 L.B.C. 3:21-22 1410
- Mar. 23 -- Washington -- From Rix Robinson  
 General belief is that a treaty will be made with the  
 Chippewas for their lands on Lake Superior and with the Ottawas  
 for their lands on the peninsula of Michigan. Claims will have  
 to go before a commission. 2p. 1411
- Mar. 24 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
 Requests notes in payment for robes and skins. L.B.C. 3:  
 24 1412
- Mar. 24 -- New York -- To Auguste P. Chouteau, Western Creek  
 Agency  
 Has sold Chouteau's deer skins which were not a good lot.  
 Describes condition of these skins. Annexes memorandum of the  
 contents of packs. L.B.C. 3:25-26 1413
- Mar. 24 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
 State terms at which 100 northwest guns can be sold.  
 These guns cost \$1580.80 at the factory in Liege. 1p. 1414
- Mar. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Joshua Pilcher  
 Is unable to meet notes given in 1826. Has arranged for  
 a receiver to liquidate his property. 2p. 1415
- Mar. 24 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Describe securing goods ordered by the Company. Desire

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further directions. Men's scarlet woolen night caps not to be had. Have not yet found Germantown half hose. lp. 1416

Mar. 25 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re pattern of goods wanted. L.B.C. 3:27 1417

Mar. 25 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Will accept offer of guns. Re directions about bill. 1418  
L.B.C. 3:28

Mar. 25 -- Dayton -- From David Stone  
Tells of arrangements for paying for robes. Requests more robes. lp. 1419

Mar. 26 -- New York -- To Joseph Lacroix, Montreal  
Requests that Lacroix give Vallée, Boyer & Co. any advice needed about the preparation of canoes to carry workmen to the upper lakes. L.B.C. 3:29 1420

Mar. 26 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses memorandum of supplies needed for transportation of workmen to Mackinac. Re number of men. Has requested Lacroix to give any assistance needed. Funds are to be paid to Jas. Keith of Hudson's Bay Co. L.B.C. 3:30-31 1421

Mar. 26 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, La Baie St. Antoine  
Has requested Vallée, Boyer & Co. to prepare all equipment for the voyage to Mackinac. Gives the number of men to be provided for and outfit of men. Desires to employ a man who can construct small fishing boats. Advises that Vallée, Boyer & Co. be informed if any mechanics are to be engaged in Montreal. L.B.C. 3:33-34 1422

Mar. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Enclose bill for goods ordered. lp. 1423

Mar. 26 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Discusses proposed purchase of Mackinac establishment. Prices of provisions at Detroit are very high particularly of lard. Indians are much discouraged due to white immigration. Lots in Milwaukee sell from \$500 up to \$4000. Sends an order for hardware. 2p. (French) 1424

Mar. 27 -- Nicolet -- From Charles A. Cottrell  
Has engaged 50 boatmen and one blacksmith. Hudson's Bay Co. is paying higher wages. Discusses difficulties in securing men. Asks for canoes and apparatus for the trip. 2p. 1425

Mar. 27 -- New York -- To Mary Holiday, Washington  
Crooks does not approve of Jane Holiday's coming to New

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York to meet Mary. Is glad that provision is to be made in the treaty by which the Holidays will receive some money. Re a certain quack oculist. L.B.C. 3:35-36 1426

Mar. 27 -- Buffalo -- From Thomas George  
Wishes to enter the Company's employ as a trader. Has had experience trading with Indians in Canada. lp. 1427

Mar. 27 -- Washington -- From Rix Robinson  
Indians have agreed to sell all their lands on the peninsula except small reserves in the northern part; will receive one and a half million in money, goods, etc., and also lands to be provided in the Chippewa country. A commission will be sent to Mackinac to examine claims and pay them. Will bring a copy of treaty to New York. lp. 1428

Mar. 28 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Enclose invoice. Are trying a new method of packing. lp. 1429

Mar. 28 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son  
Have shipped part of the rifles; will send the remainder soon. Give transportation route. lp. 1430

Mar. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re goods purchased in filling order for the Company and the amount of the bill. lp. 1431

Mar. 30 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Musquash skins continue to be a poor article in market; there are no signs of improvement. Foreign buyers will leave soon; they expect to have a good fair. Lampson's warehouse is cleared and now ready for new stock. Impressions are still favorable for the autumn sale. Lampson emphasizes the importance of preventing furs going direct from New York to Germany. Has heard that raccoons bought by Oppenheim in New York would be sent to Leipsic. Encloses an account of the sales. Gives the average prices paid for the various skins. 3p. 1432

Mar. 30 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Requests check in payment of the enclosed note. L.B.C. 3: 37 1433

Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Requests a change in the method of drawing drafts, as drafts for large amounts fall due on the same day. Is glad that the firm is satisfied with the results of the sale of furs and skins. Will ship wampum by the next packet to New Orleans. French blankets have not yet arrived. Loubat can give no information about them. L.B.C. 3:38-39 1434



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Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Joseph Lacroix

Will direct the Company's employees to seek information about the missing sons of Dominique Roussain. Requests Lacroix to give advice to Vallée, Boyer & Co. about sending boatmen to Mackinac. L.B.O. 3:40 1435

Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, La Baie St. Antoine

Advises that Cottrell give Vallée, Boyer & Co. blank agreements for any workmen they may engage for the Company. L.B.O. 3:41 1436

Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Has seen Lacroix and given him a duplicate of letter. Has asked Cottrell to furnish blank agreements for workmen engaged by Vallée, Boyer & Co. Gives directions for supplying funds if they are needed by Cottrell. L.B.O. 3:42 1437

Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Rix Robinson, Washington

Has received Robinson's notice that treaty has been concluded. Hopes the Company will have advantage of supplying a portion of merchandise. Robinson should inform himself how the government contemplates procuring these goods. L.B.O. 3:44 1438

Mar. 30 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Describe manner of book-keeping. Enclose statement of the total sales for the Company to date. Will forward goods for the Company from Liverpool. 3p. 1439

Mar. 31 -- Liverpool -- From Cray, Fletcher & Co.

Enclose bill of lading and account of charges for goods shipped. 1p. 1440

Mar. 31 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud

Has forwarded powder to St. Louis. 1p. 1441

Mar. 31 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Send invoice and bill of lading of goods ordered Dec. 8. 1p. 1442

Apr. 1 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Regrets delay in the delivery of merchandise from England. Re bills to be credited on account. L.B.O. 3:45 1443

Apr. 1 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

The Company expects about the same general returns as in 1836. The crop of deer skins from St. Louis may be larger. L.B.O. 3:46 1444

Apr. 1 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds

Goods have not arrived due to accident to steamer. Has

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received invoice. L.B.C. 3:47

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Apr. 1 -- New York -- To Crary, Fletcher &amp; Co., Liverpool

Regrets delay in receiving merchandise due to damaged vessel. Re orders sent to Crafts & Stell and to Gott & Sons.  
L.B.C. 3:48

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Apr. 2 -- Washington -- From Rix Robinson

Re alterations in the treaty suggested by the President. The treaty has gone to the Senate; is expected to be ratified next week. \$150,000 in goods is to be furnished the Indians thru the Quarter-Master's department during the summer. The Q.M. in New York will give out the contract. Stuart, William Mitchell, and Chapman leave for New York and will give any further information. Robinson is obliged to remain with the Indians. Will endeavor to obtain a copy of the treaty. 2p.

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Apr. 2 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill &amp; Co.

Enclose bill of lading for goods forwarded at the order of Gott & Sons. Annex a copy of prices current. 2p.

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Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Merle &amp; Co., New Orleans

Encloses bills of lading of goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., and to Fort Snelling. Gives directions about shipment consigned to Fort Snelling and the charges on it. L.B.C. 3:50

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Apr. 5 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates &amp; Son

Re instructions about note. 1p.

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Apr. 5 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer &amp; Co., Montreal

Draft has not been paid by Rev. Smith due to the lack of funds. L.B.C. 3:325

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Apr. 5 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe

Wishes certain surveying apparatus. Indians did not hunt well during the winter. 2p.

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Apr. 5 -- Washington -- From Mary Holiday

The treaty has been submitted to the Senate. States allowance to the Holiday family. Only Indian debts contracted since 1815 will be paid. Preparations are being made to hold a treaty with the Saginaw Indians. Holiday will act as interpreter; discusses payment for his services. Holiday has agreed to go to Lake Superior to invite the Indians to come to Mackinac to receive their annuities. An annuity of \$30,000 is to be given to the Indians for 20 years. \$150,000 will be distributed among the half-breeds next summer. Wishes advice as to investment of her share of the money. (Northern Outfit Miscellaneous Papers) 3p.

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- Apr. 6 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Fishing is poor at the Ance; Sends statement of its fur returns. Maple sugar is scarce. An appropriation for the repair of Fort Brady may benefit them. The "Astor" is being fitted out. 2p. 1454
- Apr. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Merchandise has all arrived. Skins are beginning to come in. Will forward deer skins. Disasters in the mountain region have caused further outlays of money. 2p. (French) 1455
- Apr. 6 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Cottrell has not been able to hire mechanics for the Company. Fear it will be difficult to procure coopers. Have not been able to settle with Hudson's Bay Co. Re report of E. Mayrand on the income of J. B. Mayrand. Can hire master cooper for \$75. 3p. 1456
- Apr. 6 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Send invoice of Manchester goods shipped from Liverpool. Ask for instructions about shipments. 2p. 1457
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Requests payment of note due Apr. 6. L.B.C. 3:52 1458
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Details of accounts. Merchandise has not yet arrived. Re draft drawn. Encloses bills of exchange. L.B.C. 3:53 1459
- Apr. 7 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Cox & Sons  
Re payment of note. 1p. 1460
- Apr. 7 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell  
Have received order for sample goods. Prices are advancing. 2p. 1461
- Apr. 7 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Enclose draft to pay note. River is still frozen to Poughkeepsie. 1p. 1462
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, La Baie St. Antoine  
Is pleased that Cottrell has engaged workmen. Vallée, Boyer & Co. have been instructed about canoes and other preparations for the voyage to the upper lakes. Will send final instructions later. L.B.C. 3:54 1463
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Additional mechanics are to be engaged in Montreal. L.B.C. 3:55 1464

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Apr. 9 -- La Baie -- From Charles A. Cottrell

Gives details of men employed for the Company. Vallée, Boyer & Co. have arranged for forwarding men to the lake country. 2p. 1465

Apr. 9 -- New York -- To David Stone, Dayton

Has referred Stone's proposed arrangement for robes to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Advises Stone to have distinct understanding with Pratte, Chouteau & Co. The Company will supply Stone's demands for robes if the supply is large enough. L.B.C. 3:50 1466

Apr. 9 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Has advised Stone to arrange directly with Pratte, Chouteau & Co. for robes. Encloses invoice for goods forwarded. Re shipments for the upper Mississippi concern and directions for forwarding. Describes goods not obtained in New York or Philadelphia. Has no news of French blankets. The latest reports from London are favorable for good prices at the next sale. Bears are still low. L.B.C. 3:57-58 1467

Apr. 9 -- New York -- To Duncan Lamont, St. Louis

Hopes Lamont's new arrangements in Missouri will prove successful. Has forwarded telescope. Requests Lamont to tell Peter Powell that Crooks will sell any skins Powell wishes to offer in the New York market. L.B.C. 3:59 1468

Apr. 11 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Re Saginaw treaty. Will inform Crooks when Williams leaves for Washington. Has had no remittances from Messrs. Williams. Will buy the brig's furnishings in Detroit. Has requested that she be finished by May 1. States prospects for different furs. Would be unprofitable to send an agent out to buy. 2p. 1469

Apr. 12 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Discusses wages to be paid journeymen coopers. Gives directions about collecting bills. L.B.C. 3:60 1470

Apr. 13 -- La Baie -- From Charles A. Cottrell

There is a scarcity of men. Many families are leaving for Green Bay. Has secured a baker and a blacksmith. Discusses plans for setting out on the journey with the men. 2p. 1471

Apr. 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Prices on nutria have advanced owing to speculators still buying. The Leipsic fair is now beginning. Hudson's Bay Co. have announced sale of beaver and musquash. Encloses a statement of furs received by Hudson's Bay Co. on Columbia river ship. 1p. 1472

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Apr. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Regret disappointment about pickaxes. Need knives and chains for traps. Re accounts. Will examine invoices for English merchandise. Give details of drafts. Merchants have only paper bills in which to make payments. Conditions appear to grow worse. Mention death of Bernard Pratte. Have forwarded deer skins. 3p. (French) 1473

Apr. 15 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell

Heavy advance on wools renders filling of orders difficult. Will not send inferior goods. 2p. 1474

Apr. 15 -- Liverpool -- From Crary, Fletcher & Co.

Enclose bill of lading and charges for goods shipped at the order of G. Wildes & Co. 1p. 1475

Apr. 16 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Requests that a safe be bought for a friend who has a bank agency. 1p. 1476

Apr. 17 -- Western Creek Agency -- From Auguste P. Chouteau

Has shipped deer skins and robes. Asks that the Company sell these at the best prices. Expects to be in New York late in the season. 1p. 1477

Apr. 17 -- Washington -- From Henry R. Schoolcraft

Holiday has been paid for his services as interpreter at the treaty. Holiday is remaining in Washington as another delegation of Indians is expected soon. Persons having claims against the Ottawas and the Chippewas should understand that no claim for indebtedness accruing after the signing of the treaty will be allowed. 1p. (Northern Outfit Miscell. Papers) 1478

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Encloses bills of lading for goods to be forwarded to Prairie du Chien. Additional shipment is to go on the next packet. Expects English goods soon. L.B.O. 3:61-62 1479

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, La Baie St. Antoine

Gives instructions for taking boatmen and mechanics to the upper lakes. The Company prefers that all these men go by canoes. Vallee, Boyer & Co. will supply the funds needed by Cottrell. L.B.O. 3:63-64 1480

Apr. 19 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present

Sends additional order for powder. Requests that canister be packed in kegs and labeled. L.B.O. 3:66 1481

Apr. 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)

No important business has yet taken place at Leipzig fair. 1p. 1482

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- Apr. 19 -- New York -- Martin W. Oppenheimer to the Company  
Applies for clerkship with the Company. Has been in the fur business in London and agent for his father's house to Germany. Is well acquainted with Leipsic fairs. Has had nine months' experience in New York. 2p. 1483
- Apr. 19 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Re arrangement of accounts. 1p. 1484
- Apr. 20 -- Verdigris -- From Auguste P. Chouteau  
Has shipped furs and peltries. Has authorized Merle & Co. to draw on the Company for the amount due from Chouteau. 1p. 1485
- Apr. 20 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Expects first shipment of new crop of deer skins from St. Louis soon. The prospects indicate a fair collection. L.B.C. 3:67 1486
- Apr. 20 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Will ship entire order of goods soon. Has instructed Brewster to furnish provisions for Juneau. Discusses the value of the Company's establishment at Mackinac; will consider selling next summer. Prefers to sell property to Juneau. The Indians have made a treaty with the government by which they cede all their country north of Grand River. Describes boundaries. \$300,000 has been set apart for the payment of claims which will be determined by a commissioner at Mackinac next summer. Juneau will have to appear in person to secure his claims. L.B.C. 3:68-69 1487
- Apr. 20 -- New York -- To Martin W. Oppenheim, New York  
The Company at present has all the employees needed in its business. L.B.C. 3:70 1488
- Apr. 20 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Asks that a certain sum be put to his credit for land investment at St. Louis. Asks courtesies for the bearer, Dr. Moore, sutler for the troops at Prairie du Chien. 1p. 1489
- Apr. 20 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Give prices of certain goods. Wish further instructions from the Company about filling order. 1p. 1490
- Apr. 20 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Have forwarded goods as directed by the Company. Very seldom have direct shipping to Galena and Prairie du Chien. Have forwarded furs and skins for A. P. Chouteau. 1p. 1491
- Apr. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have forwarded consignment of deer skins mostly from the

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Sac Indians. Arrangement with Phelps is not satisfactory. Returns are only half what was expected. lp. (French) 1492

Apr. 22 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses note in payment of goods purchased for the Company by Siter, Price & Co. L.B.C. 3:71 1493

Apr. 22 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Re accounts. When in St. Louis, Crooks will endeavor to obtain favorable decision in regard to the beads ordered by Mackenzie. Requests that bill against the Company be left with Nidelet. L.B.C. 3:72 1494

Apr. 22 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Discusses difficulties in collecting notes. L.B.C. 3:73 1495

Apr. 22 -- New York -- To Alexander Watson, Present  
Re order for shirts; re materials supplied. States terms of payment. L.B.C. 3:74 1496

Apr. 22 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Sends order for gloves and mitts to be delivered promptly. L.B.C. 3:75 1497

Apr. 22 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry & Son, Boulton  
Wishes definite statement about filling order for rifles. L.B.C. 3:76 1498

Apr. 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)  
No news from Leipsic fair has been received. lp. 1499

Apr. 22 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for skins. lp. 1500

Apr. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received deer skins from several tribes. Have no news from the upper Missouri about collection of robes. Chouteau has been delayed in making his journey to the East. lp. (French) 1501

Apr. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received invoice for merchandise forwarded by the Company. Discuss the expense for the education of the son of Cabanne. lp. (French) 1502

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, Montreal  
The Company is much gratified with Cottrell's activities in engaging men. Hopes the trip to the upper lakes will be completely safe. Gives directions about provisions, funds, responsibility of guide, care of men, etc. Encloses letter for

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Abbott. Full reports are to be delivered to Abbott. L.B.C. 3:  
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Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses letter of instructions to Cottrell. Requests report of all expenses in connection with Cottrell's operations. Hopes Vallée, Boyer & Co. have secured coopers. Gives directions if coopers be sent later. L.B.C. 3:80-81 1504

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Tells of workmen engaged by Cottrell and directions given Cottrell regarding his journey to the upper lakes. Gives directions about the work to be done by Cottrell's men; men should be sent to Lapointe and Prairie. Polette is very hard to please. Re reports to be delivered by Cottrell to Abbott. Cottrell is to be put in charge of retail store. Goods have been ordered from Montreal for the Northern Outfit. Annexes memorandum of men to go with Cottrell. L.B.C. 3:82-87 1505

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Has received account of the sales of deer skins. Discusses plan to be followed in drawing drafts. Will arrange with Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to take charge of Liverpool business in 1837. On account of the death of Bernard Pratte, Crooks expects to be in the Mississippi region several weeks. L.B.C. 3:88-89 1506

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Delayed steamer has arrived; goods seem to be in proper condition. Delay has been detrimental to the trade. Encloses draft to be credited on account. L.B.C. 3:90 1507

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
The Company is pleased with the prospects of a brisk sale in London. Has ordered traders to purchase every deer skin and every raccoon that can be found. Will spare no pains to furnish Lampson a large proportion of the season's crop. Will prevent Oppenheim from buying if possible. Expects consignment of deer skins from St. Louis soon. Oppenheim has gone to New Orleans to purchase southern skins. L.B.C. 3:91-92 1508

Apr. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Are unable to procure gloves. Enclose bill for mitts. lp.  
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Apr. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss (per Wm. Geisse)  
Regrets the death of Crooks's father-in-law who was an old acquaintance when Geisse resided at Ste. Genevieve. Gen. Pratte's father was his chief friend and advisor. Re fancy beads order for the Company in 1833. lp. 1510



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- Apr. 23 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re failure to stow furs between decks. 1p. 1511
- Apr. 25 -- Ste. Genevieve -- From Menard & Vallé (per Felix Vallé)  
Tells of shipment of furs via New Orleans and insurance on them. 1p. 1512
- Apr. 25 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Will collect and credit draft. 1p. 1513
- Apr. 25 -- New York -- To Crary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool  
Re receipt of goods. Details of account. L.B.C. 3:93 1514
- Apr. 26 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bills of lading for goods to be forwarded to Prairie du Chien. Gives directions for shipping deer skins. L.B.C. 3:94 1515
- Apr. 26 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Re additional shipment of goods. L.B.C. 3:96 1516
- Apr. 26 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, Montreal  
Describes voyage in going to the upper lakes. L.B.C. 3:97 1517
- Apr. 26 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Gives directions providing for the return of the guide and the canoe men to Lower Canada. L.B.C. 3:98 1518
- Apr. 26 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Report of London sales shows extravagant prices. Discusses the advance in prices over the previous year. Lampson considers this sale the best in many years. Lampson requests Detroit skins in time for the fall sale. Fears buyers will run mad in the purchase of furs and skins. Crooks does not expect unreasonably high rates to continue in 1837. Muskrats should not be purchased; the market is inundated with nutria. L.B.C. 3:99, 100 1519
- Apr. 26 -- Verdigris -- From Auguste P. Chouteau  
Is disappointed that the Company does not consider skins of fine quality. Hopes later shipment will arrive in good condition. Requests supply of vermilion and Northwest guns for trade with prairie Indians. Mentions other articles wanted. 3p. 1520
- Apr. 26 -- La Baie -- From Charles A. Cottrell  
Journey to the lake region is delayed on account of ice. Gives total number of men hired. 2p. 1521

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Apr. 26 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son

Will fill order for rifles if they may be made of plain maple wood. lp. 1522

Apr. 27 -- New York -- To Rix Robinson, Grand River

Wishes to know what wampum Robinson desires to have put in his order. Wampum has always been in great demand at payment of Chicago annuities. London sales have been very satisfactory. Urges Robinson to buy all skins possible, except bears and muskrats. News of the London sales may not reach the lake country until Robinson has secured most of the skins. Advises Robinson to get possession of good raccoons at once without standing much upon price. Will instruct Brewster to honor Robinson's drafts. All packs should be shipped to Mackinac at once. Purchasing should be done quietly so as to prevent suspicion. L.B.C. 3:101-103 1523

Apr. 27 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling

Hopes Sibley's visit to the posts will have a salutary effect. Has received Sibley's contract with Col. Stambaugh and has forwarded all goods required. Urges no compromise with opponents. The Indian Department at Washington disregards the best founded complaints against Taliaferro. Crooks will present the case of Taliaferro to Cass. Goods for sutling have been shipped to Prairie du Chien. London sales have been very satisfactory. Muskrats cannot be sold as nutrias are more abundant than ever. Annexes memorandum of Western Outfit furs sold at New York and at London. L.B.C. 3:104-108 1524

Apr. 27 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Discusses sale of skins belonging to Western Outfit. The results of the London sales cannot fail to be highly satisfactory. Describes condition of the muskrat market. Urges Rolette to secure all skins possible before news of the recent sales is generally known. Has forwarded English goods. Encloses invoice of goods ordered for sutling at Fort Snelling. L.B.C. 3:109-112 1525

Apr. 27 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Regrets loss of vessel laden with robes. Annexes memorandum of London sales. Raccoons are in great demand abroad. Advises shipment of all furs except bears and muskrats, so as to reach London for the July sale. Will forward hoes and trap chains. L.B.C. 3:113-114 1526

Apr. 27 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Advises buying Dousman's store at reasonable terms. Discusses difficulties in trading with the Indians since they have no lands. Advances may be made to trustworthy Indians who are good fishermen. Drew says he will quit the trade as soon as his claims are paid. Will supply additional goods not on re-

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quisition as the Indians will have money next summer. Plans to have agents supplied with goods in order to get share of the Indians' money. Thinks Abbott should have cooper at Mackinac. The government will supply large quantity of goods to the Indians next summer. Has shipped goods and powder via Buffalo. The treaty between the Ottawas and the U.S. is not yet ratified. No claims have been allowed but \$300,000 has been set aside to pay all debts. Juneau reports a decline in the Indian trade. Robinson complains bitterly of Abbott's failure to forward goods. Requests final account for 1835 obtained from Beaubien. Western Outfit is having vigorous opposition. Sibley has arranged with Col. Stambaugh for sutling at Fort Snelling. Gives prices received at London sales. Advises Abbott to secure Bidle & Drew's collection if possible. Stanard will be in charge of the new brig. L.B.C. 3:115-119 1527

Apr. 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have forwarded deer skins and furs. Desire that the Company will carry out Pratte's directions about deer skins. Discuss the wreck of a river boat. lp. (French) 1528

Apr. 28 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Annexes memorandum of London sales. Discusses prices and the probable effect on the fur market in America. Brewster must exercise sound discretion in buying. Tells of directions given to Robinson and Abbott about buying. Advises termination of relations with Messrs. Williams. Has forwarded goods for Franchere. It is important that the goods for St. Mary's be delivered early. L.B.C. 3:120-123 1529

Apr. 28 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Will employ coopers as directed. Are dissatisfied with Cottrell's methods. Have purchased another canoe. 2p. 1530

Apr. 29 -- New York -- To Henry H. Schoolcraft, Washington  
Hopes Holiday will be paid for his services with Saginaw Indians. Requests information about goods to be bought by the government for the Indians. Wishes to know the intentions of the Indian Department regarding the place and the manner of obtaining licenses for Lake Superior traders. L.B.C. 3:124-125 1531

Apr. 29 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)  
Lampson is now in Paris. Gives prices for certain furs at Leipsic fair. The sale has begun well and the attendance is large. lp. 1532

Apr. 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co. (per Renshaw)  
Re draft drawn to order of Price. lp. 1533

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- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Discusses the Company's buildings at Fond du Lac and Lapointe. Borup's letters to Denmark have been forwarded; could not obtain exchange on Copenhagen. L.B.C. 3:126-127 1534
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has received goods ordered. Re brass kettles likely to be ordered. Hopes to purchase kettles more cheaply in Philadelphia, than in New York. L.B.C. 3:128 1535
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Joseph Blain, Philadelphia  
Describes the Company's new office and the insurance risks. Desires to have policies transferred to the new building. L.B.C. 3:129 1536
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Eustache Roussain, the Ance  
Must depend upon fisheries for returns from the Ance. Crooks thinks fish must abound some places along the coast; believes Indians want to keep the best fishing grounds for themselves. Urges Roussain to search out the proper places to form permanent fishing establishments. Discusses workmen being sent from Montreal and need to have fishing plans completed. Advises that the Indians be given aid only when they hunt. Re report from Franchere. L.B.C. 3:130-131 1537
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has directed Barker & Holt to ship Franchere's goods by steamboat if the brig is not at Buffalo in time. Describes character of the goods for Franchere. Supplies are to be furnished Franchere from Detroit. Gives details of supplies to be furnished Juneau. Coopers are being sent from Montreal and barrel material is to be shipped to them. Discusses plans to ship goods and powder to Lake Superior, Mackinac and Prairie. Directs that the new brig be insured. Brewster should not allow Hulbert's goods to reach St. Mary's before the Company's goods arrive. Annexes bill for iron safe and gives directions for unlocking the safe. L.B.C. 3:132-134 1538
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Goods delayed along the canal have arrived. Stanard is to have charge of the new vessel. Re shipment of goods to be forwarded to St. Mary's without delay. L.B.C. 3:135 1539
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To William A. Aitken, Sandy Lake  
Crooks is much surprised at Morrison's management of affairs as reported by Aitken. Barrels are needed at Lapointe. Is gratified at the prospects for Aitken's having a good collection. Discusses kind of employees desired. Wishes Aitken to explore the region to determine the location of permanent posts for fisheries. The fishing business is of great importance. The Company has not had the slightest intimation of any

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opposition likely to be undertaken at St. Louis against Aitken's region. Gives directions for the engagement of old voyageurs. Will attend to order for supplies. L.B.C. 3:136-139 1540

Apr. 30 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son  
Annex bill for 100 rifles ready to be forwarded. 1p. 1541

Apr. 30 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Later reports from Leipsic fair are still favorable. The bear market is very dull. 1p. 1542

Apr. 30 -- Philadelphia -- From Henry A. Thompson  
Gives details about a certain draft on the Company. Has heard of Gratiot's death. 2p. 1543

May 2 -- New York -- To Captain Henry A. Thompson  
Will honor draft in favor of Thompson and will pay the amount at maturity. L.B.C. 3:140 1544

May 2 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Results of Lampson's sales have surpassed the Company's most sanguine expectations. Discusses conditions of the fur market. Has given Brewster and other agents directions about buying skins. Re deer skins being shipped from St. Louis. L.B.C. 3:141-142 1545

May 2 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Details of accounts. Discusses favorable results of the London sales. Crooks expects a reaction from such extremely high prices. Will try to secure skins at safe prices. L.B.C. 3:143 1546

May 2 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester  
Has received invoice; regrets that order is being shipped in two consignments. Will examine sample blankets. L.B.C. 3:144 1547

May 2 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Goods have arrived in good condition. Will endeavor in the future to prevent any misapprehension as to prices of goods. Encloses bill of exchange. Requests regular reports of the market value of woolens. L.B.C. 3:145 1548

May 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Describes kettles in the market and prices; better quality of kettles in New York. 2p. 1549

May 2 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for deer skins. The Company's goods have arrived. Consignment for Prairie will be sent to St.

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Louis on the first boat. 1p.

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May 2 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Schoolcraft

Will write about licenses for western trade upon receiving the Company's applications. Will advertise contract for goods when the treaty is ratified. Re holding up of the Land Bill. Cherokee and Michigan treaties are in the Senate. 2p.

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May 3 -- Philadelphia -- From Joseph Blain

Discusses insurance affairs. 1p.

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May 3 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Discusses complaints in Aitken's letters. Considers Borup's visit to Fond du Lac an important movement. It is important to have all building materials on hand early. Urges that large quantity of barrel stuff be prepared. Warren's collection of fish is as large as could be expected. Discusses the prospects for fishing post on the north shore. Has given Aitken directions to explore the north shore. Details of workmen to be hired at Montreal. Re instructions about coopers. Employees must be reduced to the number indispensably required. Urges that the wharf be made ready for the brig next winter. Brewster will supply provisions. Abbott will send some furniture from Mackinac. Discusses management of Lac du Flambeau district. Holiday has been interpreter for the government in negotiating a treaty with the Ottawas and the Chippewas. Any claims against these Indians should be sent to Abbott. Holiday is waiting to interpret for the Saginaw Indians. The results of the London fur sales have been very satisfactory. Advises Warren to buy all skins possible. L.B.C. 3:146-154

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May 3 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau &amp; Co., St. Louis

Will forward deer skins to London promptly. Advises sending all skins to London without delay. Will forward all goods on requisition except rifles and French blankets. The entire Company regrets the death of Mr. Pratte. L.B.C. 3:155-156

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May 3 -- New York -- To Barker &amp; Holt, Buffalo

Points out error in invoice of recent shipment of goods. Re goods to be forwarded to Juneau. L.B.C. 3:157

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May 4 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry &amp; Son, Boulton

Has received bill for rifles. Re order for rifles with stocks of curled maple. L.B.C. 3:158

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May 4 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie

Is pleased that Franchere thinks so well of Livingston as an assistant. Goods have been shipped; agents are instructed to forward them promptly. Has instructed Brewster to see that Franchere's supplies arrive as early as Hulburt's. Franchere's

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establishment is designated in the Company's books as St. Mary's Outfit. Advises prosecuting fishing business to its full extent. Furs have sold extremely well in London. Muskrats are little in demand. Advises that furs for London be purchased even at high prices. Re plan in treaty for payment of claims against the Ottawas and the Chippewas. Re directions about supplies. Money is very scarce in New York; should draw as little as possible. L.B.C. 3:159-162 1557

May 5 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has received memorandum of brass kettles. Crooks has abandoned his anticipated trip to the Mississippi region. Pierre Chouteau cannot come to New York before midsummer. L.B.C. 3:163 1558

May 5 -- New York -- To Joseph Blain, Present  
Re instructions for transferring insurance policies. Requests delivery of letters to firms in Philadelphia. L.B.C. 3:164 1559

May 5 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Re shipment of goods on private order. Materials for Capt. Stanard have been forwarded. L.B.C. 3:165 1560

May 5 -- New York -- To Charles C. Stanard, Sault Ste. Marie  
Annexes invoice for supplies forwarded. Hopes the "Astor" is in good order for the season. Warren will furnish instructions for general operations of the schooner during the summer. Only Company people are to be carried as passengers except persons going to join the missions of Lake Superior. Discusses plans for fishing business on the north shore. L.B.C. 3:166-167 1561

May 5 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Is pleased that the report of the sales was so satisfactory to the Company. Has reports that the Leipsic fair is going well. Raccoons bought by Rows for a Russian house are now offered for sale again. No doubt that furriers will have a good season. Indian-handled deer skins are going well on the continent. There is a small stock of common deer skins in the market. 2p. 1562

May 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re deer skins and furs forwarded. 1p. (French) 1563

May 6 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Re shipment of twine to be forwarded to Franchere. Requests that Barker & Holt make arrangements for payment of the freight. L.B.C. 3:168 1564

May 6 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses letter to be delivered to Cottrell. Approves of

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sending to the lakes all mechanics engaged by Vallée, Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 3:169 1565

May 6 -- New York -- To Charles A. Cottrell, Montreal  
Directs that mechanics engaged by Vallée, Boyer & So. should be sent to the lakes. Will give Abbott directions about extra men. L.B.C. 3:170 1566

May 6 -- New Orleans -- From John D. Daggett  
Encloses bill of lading for deer skins forwarded for Menard & Vallé. lp. 1567

May 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Request the Company to pay fun's to Kingsbury and charge to the firm's account. lp. (French) 1568

May 7 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Has insured A. P. Chouteau's skins. Advises that all shipments be sent on regular packets. Premium is increased when the shipment is made on vessels of inferior reputation. L.B.C. 3:171 1569

May 7 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Cottrell and men will not leave before May 10. Discusses distributing extra mechanics. Three canoes have been obtained to convey the workmen to the lakes. L.B.C. 3:172 1570

May 7 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Re extra mechanics engaged at Montreal. Gives details of workmen to be sent to Warren. L.B.C. 3:173 1571

May 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Discusses purchase of raccoons by Schmidt & Co. probably for Oppenheim. Agrees with Lampson on the desirability of having all skins controlled by one agency. Is greatly pleased with Lampson's sales. Re directions to agents about buying peltries. Deer skins on the way from St. Louis. L.B.C. 3:174 1572

May 7 -- New York -- To Crary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool  
Gives details of the receipt of bills of lading and bill of charges. Has received goods in fine order. L.B.C. 3:175 1573

May 7 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Has received account of sales. Has received goods forwarded by Crary, Fletcher & Co. L.B.C. 3:176 1574

May 7 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Has received invoices. Approves new plan of packing goods. Clapp has informed the Company of changing the direction



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- of shipments from Liverpool. L.B.C. 3:177 1575
- May 7 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester  
Has received bale of goods. L.B.C. 3:178 1576
- May 7 -- New York -- To Wildes Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has received bill of lading and charges on a certain shipment. Requests separate account of charges and freight for each "mark" in a shipment. L.B.C. 3:179 1577
- May 7 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son  
Will fill order for rifles. Have lot of good locks, especially imported, to use on the rifles. Will be provided with seasoned wood next winter. lp. 1578
- May 7 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has received memorandum of Northern Department skins in the London sale. Competition will prevent such huge sales in the future. Newberry also heard the sales news. Thinks competition can be overcome. A competent person must be sent to Washington to look after the Company's interest; Williams will not. He has gone to Washington; will see Crooks on his return trip. The brig is expected to be ready on May 15; describes goods at certain places which she will take to Buffalo. Requests directions as to whether the boat should be hired to convey provisions or they should wait for the "Crooks". Vessel returned because of ice. 2p. 1579
- May 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have received notes from the Company. lp. 1580
- May 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have forwarded skins and furs to be shipped to England. Enclose memorandum for French blankets and for beads to be ordered from Venice. Some merchandise from New York is not satisfactory. 2p. (French) 1581
- May 9 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses invoice for domestic goods which have been shipped to New Orleans. Cannot purchase scarlet caps and blue flannel in New York or Philadelphia. Cannot get a ship to take canister of powder. Has directed Abbott to send some powder from Mackinac. Northwest guns have not arrived from England. Workmen have been sent from Montreal. L.B.C. 3:180-181 1582
- May 9 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 3:182 1583
- May 10 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry & Son, Boulton  
Encloses note in payment of account. L.B.C. 3:183 1584

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- May 10 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Requests check in payment of the enclosed note. L.B.C. 3:  
184 1585
- May 10 -- New York -- To DuPont & Co., Brandywine  
Requests that powder be detained till other goods are  
ready for shipment. May want additional powder in July; hopes  
price will not be increased. L.B.C. 3:185 1586
- May 11 -- New York -- To Joseph Polette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses invoice of English goods forwarded via New Or-  
leans. All are fully insured. Guns have arrived. Regrets de-  
lay in forwarding supplies this season. Harness and stoves  
will be sent from Montreal. Mentions articles to be sent to  
Fort Snelling. Requests information about the heirs of Domi-  
nique Roussain; needs further directions about claims. L.B.C.  
3:186-187 1537
- May 11 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallé, Ste. Genevieve  
Has received packing account of deer skins. Re directions  
for shipment in the future. Annexes an account of sales.  
L.B.C. 3:188 1588
- May 11 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Urges all possible speed in forwarding deer and raccoon  
so they will arrive in London for the August sale. Encloses  
invoice for rifles and other supplies. Hoes and chains are  
much higher than in 1835. Has forwarded sample blankets from  
Belgian factory. The Company considers Loubat's blankets  
cheaper and better finished. Re goods to be forwarded to  
Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 3:189-190 1589
- May 11 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Encloses invoice. Brewster will furnish window glass,  
salt, and beans. Goods have been shipped to Buffalo. Requests  
information about the heirs of Roussain. L.B.C. 3:191-192  
1590
- May 12 -- New York -- To Mary Holiday, Washington  
Desires information of the status of the treaty before the  
Senate. Wishes to know what has been done with the Saginaw  
Indians. L.B.C. 3:193 1591
- May 13 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son  
Acknowledge receipt of note in payment of rifles. lp.  
1592
- May 13 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Describe arrangements for forwarding furs and peltries.  
lp. 1593
- May 14 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Gives details of cargo to go on the first trip of the

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brig. The important object is to get to St. Mary's before Hulburt's goods arrive. Must send salt to Lapointe. Supplies for Grand River and Milwaukee can be sent by any vessel obtainable. Discusses goods forwarded to Buffalo. Considers boats much better for fishing purposes than canoes. Regrets that Newberry is "raccoon mad" but thinks Brewster can cure him.  
L.B.C. 3:194-196 1594

May 14 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re accounts. Bales have arrived in good order. Requests statement of account. L.B.C. 3:197 1595

May 14 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re deer skins shipped by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Annexes statement of discrepancies in the account of sales and catalog.  
L.B.C. 3:198-199 1596

May 14 -- New York -- To --  
Gives details of invoices received. Re accounts. Annexes memorandum of inaccuracies in account of sales. Discusses shipping facilities from London and Liverpool. Gives directions about forwarding packages. L.B.C. 3:200, 200 1/2, 201 1597

May 14 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester  
Regrets that woollens are advancing. Requests to be kept informed of changes in the Manchester market. L.B.C. 3:202 1598

May 14 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Enclose draft on Phoenix bank to pay note. lp. 1599

May 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Exporters have disposed of stocks at Leipsic fair at an average profit. States the prospects for the fall sales. Wishes some Detroit skins for the sale in September. lp. 1600

May 14 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Give detailed instructions from A.P. Chouteau concerning the balance of his account. Have forwarded goods to Fort Snelling and Prairie du Chien. lp. 1601

May 14 -- New York -- From W. C. Pickersgill  
Circular introducing Samuel Lunell who will act as agent during Pickersgill's absence in England. lp. 1602

May 15 -- Grand River -- From Rix Robinson  
Hunts seem to have been poor. Hopes to pick up skins in the country. May go to Kalamazoo and St. Josephs. Has discussed terms of treaty with the Indians; thinks they will not be very hostile. Wampum is seldom called for. Indians are

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buying much fine blue broad cloth. 2p. 1603

May 16 -- Washington -- From Mary Holiday

There is some trouble in the Senate about the treaty. Expects the treaty to be ratified but all the conditions may not be secured. The Saginaw Indians have arrived. Another party of Indians from the River St. Clair region have made a treaty by which their reservations will be sold for them. 2p. 1604

May 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re furs forwarded; will send invoice. Have bought skins from Phelps. Annex memorandum for beads and blankets. 2p. 1605

May 16 -- New York -- From Alexander Watson

Gives details of securing plaids to make cloaks. 1p. 1606

May 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Annexes memorandum of supplies to be sent to Lapointe, Mackinac, and Green Bay. Has honored drafts. Has no order for bags for corn. Corn for Milwaukee and Green Bay may be shipped in bulk but all that for St. Mary's must be in bags. The Saginaw Indians have arrived in Washington. Has advised Stanard not to wait at Buffalo for goods. Packs have arrived in good order. Drafts should be drawn for moderate sums. L.B.C. 3: 203-204 1607

May 18 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Hopes Stanard has sailed with goods for St. Mary's. Re goods to be forwarded by Vallee, Boyer & So. Agents at the interior posts are the same as last year. Gives directions for forwarding the mechanics. L.B.C. 3:205-206 1608

May 18 -- Green Bay -- John Lawe to Samuel Abbott

Draft has been drawn to pay for peltries. Is unable to decide about ordering goods for the Ottawa annuities. 3p. 1609

May 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Regret delay in receiving returns from the Osages and other tribes. Expect more robes from Little Missouri this year. 1p. (French) 1610

May 19 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Annexes memorandum of goods wanted at Lake Superior which are to be charged to Northern Outfit. The new brig will carry some provisions to Abbott. Describes supplies for Lawe and Robinson. Brewster will send invoices for all goods. Supplies wanted by Juneau for trade with the whites have been forwarded. Re arrangement with Drew to buy corn. L.B.C. 3:207, 209, 210 1611

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- May 19 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallé, Ste. Genevieve  
Thinks deer skins should be sent to London. L.B.C. 3:211  
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- May 20 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Will honor all drafts. The money market is still tight.  
Will forward all skins to England without delay. Will order  
beads from Berthold. Re agreement with Loubat for a supply of  
blankets. Loubat is going to France and will attend to the ex-  
ecution of the order. Skins have not arrived. L.B.C. 3:212-  
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1613
- May 20 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay  
Regrets endless complaints about division of trade. Will  
do almost anything for the sake of peace. Will allow Lawe the  
trade of Sandy Lake and the Wisconsin at \$1000 per year. The  
Company will retain only Lac du Flambeau, Chippewa River and  
Vieux Desert. Lawe may trade with any Indians who may go to  
the country of les Lacs. DuBay's provisions arrived too late  
to help his people. Beaubien had orders to sell goods on hand  
and close business. Brewster has been instructed to send sup-  
plies to Green Bay early. Has sent carpenters from Montreal.  
The Company's property is not to be used in speculating in  
lands. London sales have been successful. Advises Lawe to buy  
skins but not at too high prices. Raccoons are most in demand.  
L.B.C. 3:215-218  
1614
- May 20 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Enclose account with the Company. [Not enclosed]. Canoes  
left Lachine on May 12 for the upper lakes. 1p.  
1615
- May 21 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Discusses articles and provisions sent to the posts. De-  
scribes goods which will be sent by the new brig, "Crooks".  
Re provisions. Discusses Saginaw Outfit affairs. Has made  
small fur purchases. 3p.  
1616
- May 21 -- New York -- To Edward Tracy, St. Louis  
Discusses note inquired for by Joshua Pilcher. L.B.C. 3:  
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1617
- May 21 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Ask opinion of the Company about new method of packing.  
Acknowledge receipt of funds. Prices show no change. 1p. 1618
- May 21 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Will draw draft for the balance due on account. Describes  
Cottrell's failure to hire men. Have paid account with Hudson's  
Bay Co. 2p.  
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May 21 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Are pleased to hear about the Company's large collections in the Western district, excepting bears which are the least desirable. 1p. 1620

May 22 -- St. Mary's -- From Gabriel Franchere

Describes fishing operations. Delay in building arises from lack of mason and plasterer. Mentions cargo for two ships for the garrison and Hudson's Bay Co. Estimate of trade. Report that men desert at Montreal. Discusses scarcity of furs and the encroachments on the Company's land at the post. 3p. 1621

May 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

The "Diana" has gone to the upper Missouri. The annuities of the Sacs and Foxes ought to be paid in June; this would relieve the financial stress of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Details of drafts. 1p. (French) 1622

May 23 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell

Have drawn draft for account with the Company. 1p. 1623

May 23 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia

Annexes memorandum of goods to be purchased. Wants scarlet caps very much. L. B.O. 3:220 1624

[May 23 -- New York] -- To Mr. G., Post-Office, New York

The Company is in need of services similar to those you offer in an advertisement in Courier & Enquirer; requests an interview. L.B.O. 3:221 1625

May 23 -- New York -- To Alessandro Bertolla, Venice

Annexes order for beads for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Desires the beads promptly. Wildes & Co. will provide the funds for payment. Letters via Havre arrive more promptly than by other routes. L.B.O. 3:222 1626

May 23 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Has received corrected account of sales. Has ordered beads from Italy; requests that Wildes supply funds to pay Bertolla. L.B.O. 3:223-224 1627

May 23 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester

Is perfectly satisfied with the services rendered by Crafts & Stell. L.B.O. 3:225 1628

May 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

The Company is not sanguine about prices for muskrats. Astor is quite satisfied that no improvement can be fairly expected and is disposed to sell to the Company the remainder of his stock. The Company will consider buying from Astor solely

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for getting them out of the way. Reports of Lampson's March sales have set buyers crazy. Discusses directions given to the Company's agents. Is anxious to hear from Leipsic. L.B.C. 3: 226-227 1629

May 23 -- Liverpool -- From C. M. Lampson

Gives details of letters sent to the Company about the sales. Will spare no pains in keeping the Company informed about the business. Expects good musquash to be much in demand. An account of the sales will be forwarded. Will report on Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. 2p. 1630

May 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Concerning the misunderstanding about soap and candle contract; rates in Buffalo and Cleveland. Has referred Williams brothers to Crooks for settlement of their account. The money situation is uneasy. 2p. 1631

May 24 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt

Have received goods. Have shipped goods to St. Mary's; consignment for Milwaukee will be shipped directly. Will attend to Canadian importations. 1p. 1632

May 24 -- New York -- To Auguste P. Chouteau, Western Creek Agency

Chouteau's second consignment of skins has arrived. A large quantity of deer skins is now in the market. Has paid Merle & Co.'s charges. L.B.C. 3:228 1633

May 24 -- Washington -- From Mary Holiday

Expects to start for New York May 25. The Ottawa and Chippewa treaty has been ratified and all the terms secured. The commissioners have had trouble in coming to terms with the Saginaw Indians. The article in the treaty of interest to the Holiday family passed by only one vote. 1p. 1634

May 24 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Give details concerning the forwarding of goods to the upper Mississippi. Have forwarded furs for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 1635

May 25 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Discusses stowage of skins on packets. Hopes Merle & Co. will be able to effect a satisfactory arrangement with the packet lines. Re goods for the upper Mississippi forwarded via New Orleans. L.B.C. 3:229-231 1636

May 25 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Re shipment of bags to be used for corn which Brewster has purchased. Hopes Stanard with the new vessel is on the way to the upper lakes. L.B.C. 3:232 1637

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- May 25 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has forwarded 1800 bags to Barker & Holt who will hold them subject to order from Brewster. L.B.C. 3:233 1638
- May 25 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Reported Indian hostilities may have interfered with the mails; hence annex complete statements of recent shipments. lp. 1639
- May 25 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Encloses bill of lading for blankets to be forwarded to Chouteaus. L.B.C. 10:107 1640
- May 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Discuss order for goods. lp. 1641
- May 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of deer skins and furs. Have received invoices for merchandise. Details of accounts. Should make to J. J. Astor the second payment on inventory of 1834 which would be about \$50,000. If it is not convenient for the Company to pay this sum, will ask Astor to wait until the robes are sold. If annuities are paid soon firm will not need to draw on the Company. 2p. (French) 1642
- May 27 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. The Company is astonished at the report of Cottrell's action. Cottrell did not send the Company any report from Montreal. Requests Vallee, Boyer & Co. to furnish information about men, supplies, etc., that are on the way to the upper lakes. L.B.C. 3:234-235 1643
- May 27 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Cottrell has recently behaved in a most unaccountable manner. Has not given the Company any report of his plans. Fears Cottrell is totally unreliable. Re distribution to be made of workmen when they arrive. L.B.C. 3:236-237 1644
- May 30 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses Lawe's letter [not enclosed] asking for aid in buying goods for Mackinac treaty. Dousman is in Mackinac; does not know whether Juneau will come to Mackinac. Indians say they will not purchase goods after receiving treaty money. Expects Cottrell. Biddle will not make statement about his collection. Rolette's agent has not been informed about the time when he may expect the boat. lp. 1645
- May 30 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re directions for purchasing cloth and strouds. Gives the length and the width of the cloth wanted. L.B.C. 3:239-240 1646



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May 30 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Is glad the firm has bought Phelps's share of skins as the maintenance of price in Europe depends more upon having most of the good deer skins in the hands of one person than upon anything else. Has ordered beads from Bertolla. Loubat has sent an order for blankets and promises to deliver them on time. Part of the deer skins have arrived but are not in condition for re-shipment. Advises assorting the skins before packing. L.B.C. 3:241-242 1647

May 30 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Encloses marked catalog of Rows' deer skin sale. Re kinds of skins offered by Rows. The sale did not attract any notice. lp. 1648

May 30 -- New York -- From A. B. Neilson

Notice of the value of goods assigned to the Company on the ship "Louisa" from London. Neilson desires immediate notice if any damage has occurred. lp. 1649

May 31 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Re difficulty about order for soap and candles. Annexes a statement of skins received. Has supplies ready for Mackinac and Lake Superior. Advises that butter and lard be sent to Green Bay. All provisions sent to Green Bay and Grand River are to be considered part of the supply for Mackinac. The latest account from the Leipsic fair reports business brisk. L.B.C. 3:243-245 1650

May 31 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Annexes order for goods to be sent to Lapointe. Details of supplies needed for Green Bay Outfit for 1836. In case Lawe does not continue at Green Bay the Company may close the concern. Urges that all shipments of furs be carefully packed. The Ottawa treaty has been ratified by the Senate. Schoolcraft, Holiday and his daughter are in New York on their way to the lakes. L.B.C. 3:246-247 1651

May 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Has received reports of the Leipsic fair. Regrets that bear skins are so dull in the market. Deer skins from St. Louis are being repacked. L.B.C. 3:248 1652

May 31 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Discusses plan of accounts. Re errors in accounts. Has deer skins ready to ship. L.B.C. 3:249 1653

June 1 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Discusses discrepancies between account of sales and the catalogs. Account of sales has been checked with the broker before forwarding. Exporters are hungry for good deer skins. lp. 1654

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June 1 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Beaver sold higher at Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Expects decline soon. States prices received at Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. lp.

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June 2 -- Ste. Genevieve -- From Menard & Vallé (per Felix Vallé)

Have received an account of the sales of furs and skins and of the proceeds credited to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Are satisfied with all the prices except bear and gray fox which are low. Crooks may send fine skins to London, if he considers that the best market. lp.

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June 3 -- New York -- To Rix Robinson, Grand River

Re additional items in order for treaty goods. Schoolcraft left June 2 for Mackinac. Gives details of alterations in the Indian treaty. No commissioner is to pay the claims of traders. \$300,000 is to be paid to the Indians who with the advice of their agent shall pay their own debts. In fact, Schoolcraft will be commissioner to all intents and purposes. Recommends that Robinson persuade the Indians to assent to the relinquishment of their reservations. If the Indians will not consent to modifications in treaty, the whole affair will be at an end. L.B.C. 3:250-252

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June 3 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Discusses time required for shipment from New York to Buffalo. Annexes receipts for goods shipped, to be forwarded to St. Mary's and Mackinac. All goods are to be sent on the new brig. L.B.C. 3:253-255

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June 3 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Latest advices from London are favorable for all skins except bears. Re deer skins ready to ship. Demand for robes is equal to that of 1835. Re order of hardware received from England. L.B.C. 3:256

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June 3 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Discusses stowing of skins on packets. Shipment of skins has arrived in bad order. Urges Merle & Co. to make positive agreement with officers of the packet line about stowing skins between decks. L.B.C. 3:257

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June 3 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot

Has sent to Globe office for copies of Indian treaties but the editors said the only ones in print were in the newspapers of June 2. Will forward copies of these newspapers to Crooks. lp.

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June 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Are gratified that order for blankets has been given to Loubat. Describes kinds of blankets. Re returns from certain

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tribes. Have hopes of better returns of Sioux robes. 1p.  
(French) 1662

June 4 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Box of goods has arrived. Requests information about the  
supply of northwest guns. L.B.C. 3:258 1663

June 4 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau  
Goods for Juneau have been forwarded from Buffalo. The  
Senate alterations in the treaty with the Ottawas and the Chip-  
ewas will require a new council with the Indians to obtain  
their consent to the new conditions. L.B.C. 3:259 1664

June 4 -- New York -- To Joseph Polette, Prairie du Chien  
Annexes invoice for guns and steel. Will forward powder  
via Buffalo and Green Bay. All shipments are insured. The  
prospects for fur sales in London are good, except for bears.  
Clapp has returned from Europe. Has no hope of selling musk-  
rats. Nutrias are arriving in enormous quantities and sell at  
very low rates. L.B.C. 3:260-261 1665

June 4 -- New York -- To Rev. Frederick Baraga, Lapointe  
Has been able to find only one book of those wanted by  
Baraga. L.B.C. 3:262 1666

June 4 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Regrets delay in letters reaching Franchere. Roussain's  
success in fishing does not equal the Company's expectations.  
Discusses plans for providing seine for pickerel fishing. The  
Company will supply ample means to make fishing a complete suc-  
cess. Holiday and his daughter leave June 5 for St. Mary's.  
L.B.C. 3:263-264 1667

[June 4 -- New York]  
[This letter is entirely faded out.] L.B.C. 3:265 1668

June 4 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Is grateful for Crooks's views on musquash skins. Discus-  
ses Lees' purchase of musquash. Re prospects for beaver sales.  
Lees have large stock of musquash. Leipzig fur buyers who  
have returned to London give the same reports of the sale as  
those previously sent to the Company. Expects to have an ex-  
cellent autumn sale. 2p. 1669

June 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
The guns in the market are not satisfactory. Expect im-  
portation of guns in August or September. Offer to sell double  
woolen caps at reduced prices. 1p. 1670

June 7 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Cottrell is in Mackinac. Re labor supply for certain out-

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June 7 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Medical men give no hope of Holiday's recovering his eyesight. Will make final decision about Holiday after Crooks reaches the upper lakes. Re sum the Holiday family will obtain from the government. Fears Holiday will desire to reside at the Ance. Schoolcraft has engaged Holiday to go to Grand Island to accompany the Indians. Gives details of the terms of the treaty concerning the payment of claims. If the Indians do not agree to the alterations in the treaty, new negotiations must be arranged. Mentions the workmen sent from Montreal. Crooks expects to leave New York for Mackinac by July 1. L.B.C. 3:266-270 1672

June 7 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
 Has not heard from Aitken since December. Morrison's account would indicate fair returns. Flour and other provisions have been ordered for Rev. Hall and for Rev. Clark, superintendent of Methodist missions. Clark is to receive goods on the same terms as Hall. Requests Warren to be careful of provisions and to permit no loafers around the post. The Company has a stronger interest than ever in the fisheries. Thinks the north shore preferable. Warren's goods will be taken up on the "Astor". Will not send any beer, cider, or intoxicating beverage this year. Has written Franchere fully about Holiday's case. Will obtain licenses in the same manner as in 1835. Discusses the method to be used in packing skins. L.B.C. 3:271-274 1673

June 7 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
 Is grateful for the information about the guns. Re order for blue woolen double-milled night caps. L.B.C. 3:275 1674

June 7 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
 Hopes Cottrell and his workmen have arrived at Mackinac. Re boundary line of the new territory of Wisconsin. Only the posts of the Ance and its dependencies remain within Schoolcraft's agency but Schoolcraft will grant licenses at any time, before the new government goes into operation. Gives directions about bond and blanks for 4 regular licenses and 30 sub-licenses to be executed by Schoolcraft. Supplies are ready for shipment. Lists points at which the brig will deliver goods. Gives instructions about sending goods to Green Bay. Advises Abbott to use his influence in obtaining the consent of the Indians to the alterations in the treaty. L.B.C. 3:276-278 1675

June 7 -- New York -- To Henry R. Schoolcraft, Mackinac  
 Has requested Abbott and Franchere to give all aid possible in persuading the Indians to accept the changes made in the treaty by the Senate. Robinson has been advised to the same effect. Abbott has provisional bond for licenses. The Company

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desires all sub-licenses completed before the Wisconsin Territory government goes into effect. L.B.C. 3:279-280 1676

June 7 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Requests that certain draft be honored. Will forward more deer skins. L.B.C. 3:281 1677

June 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Will forward all skins possible for the autumn sales.  
Discusses condition of the muskrat market. L.B.C. 3:282-283 1678

June 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Annex bill for blue caps. Will advise the Company of the arrival of the guns from abroad. 1p. 1679

June 8 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Have advised Brewster of the arrival of parcels for him.  
Record of packages received. Cannot explain the delay in the shipping between Albany and Buffalo. 3p. 1680

June 8 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Perceives Abbott's shipment of skins differs from the invoice. Will have Comparet and Coquillard make allowance for short weight of their skins. Furs will be fewer. Has asked for insurance rates for vessels in Buffalo. 2p. 1681

June 9 -- New York -- To Montelius & Fuller, Philadelphia  
Discusses complaint from St. Louis that plaids were sent instead of gingham. L.B.C. 3:285 1682

June 9 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Northwest guns have not yet arrived from England. Will investigate the matter of an error in filling their order for gingham. Re accounts. Money is exceedingly scarce. Requests that robes be packed with greater care this year. L.B.C. 3:286-287 1683

June 9 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Has not received any directions from A. P. Chouteau about paying funds to Merle & Co., but has paid draft on presentation. Regrets that goods for the upper Mississippi are being delivered so late. L.B.C. 3:288 1684

June 9 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
The prospects for the muskrat sale do not improve. States the general conditions in the fur market. Discusses many difficulties in filling orders for supplies and in forwarding them. L.B.C. 3:289-290 1685

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June 9 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

G. D. Williams has left for Albany. The Company desired to close the Saginaw affairs but Williams proposed to make an agreement with Brewster at Detroit. Re terms of the treaty with the Indians. Discusses arrangements to be made with Messrs. Williams. Thinks fair terms can be obtained. L.B.C. 3:291-292 1686

June 9 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Encloses bill of lading and invoice for deer skins. The goods are fully insured. L.B.C. 3:293 1687

June 9 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Gives details concerning shipment of deer skins. Has shipped only good skins. Is anxious to have prompt sales. Is pleased with the favorable termination of the Leipsic fair. L.B.C. 3:294-295 1688

June 9 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Regret irregularities in shipments. Will attend to complaints. The market is nearly cleared of deer skins. Lampson is going to Havre to meet Mr. Halsey. 2p. 1689

June 10 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Is sending men intended for Green Bay to Warren. Re Rollette's boats. Has received 40 packs from Rix Robinson. 1p. 1690

June 10 -- Verdigris -- From Auguste P. Chouteau

Requests that the Company send him powder horns, wampum moons, wampum beads, and wampum pipes. 2p. 1691

June 11 -- New York -- To J. C. Pierce, Lower Canada

Has forwarded skins, at the order of Vallee, Boyer & Co. Annexes receipt. L.B.C. 3:296-297 1692

June 11 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Details of accounts. Discusses need for additional coopers to be sent to St. Mary's. Encloses draft to be collected and the proceeds to be paid to Augustin Bordeaux. L.B.C. 3:298-299 1693

June 11 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Has forwarded merchandise which is to go to the upper lakes on the Company's brig. L.B.C. 3:300 1694

June 13 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Is anxious to have the Saginaw business terminated. The Indian debts ought in equity to be estimated at par value. Expects to forward all goods at the next trip of the brig. Re route of the brig and delivery of goods at various posts.

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- Brewster must send provisions and salt to Lake Superior.  
L.B.C. 3:301-302 1695
- June 13 -- New York -- To Auguste P. Chouteau, Western Creek  
Agency  
Has paid bill drawn by Merle & Co. Will fill order for  
merchandise. Cannot procure guns at present. Will have lances  
made. L.B.C. 3:304-305 1696
- June 14 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Details of settlement of accounts. lp. 1697
- June 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Montelius & Fuller (per John  
Clark)  
Re great advance in colored cotton goods between January  
and March. Regret misunderstanding with the Company. lp. 1698
- June 15 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell  
Wish to know Crooks's opinion of blankets. Have difficulty  
in forwarding goods. Wool prices likely to stay high. 2p. 1699
- June 15 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Requests firm to honor bills of the Earl of Selkirk who is  
going to travel in the Southwest. L.B.C. 3:306 1700
- June 15 -- New York -- To Maitland, Kennedy & Co.  
Encloses necessary credit for the Earl of Selkirk at St.  
Louis. L.B.C. 3:308 1701
- June 15 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Has shipped powder and merchandise for St. Mary's and for  
Mackinac. Brewster will give Stanard directions about the re-  
mainder of the cargo. L.B.C. 3:309 1702
- June 15 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses custom house certificates for wine. Requests  
that wine be forwarded promptly. L.B.C. 3:310 1703
- June 15 -- New York -- To Craft & Stell, Manchester  
Has attended to accounts. Expects to see Stell again, on  
his return from the South. L.B.C. 3:311 1704
- June 15 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Discusses plan of keeping accounts. Gives details of pay-  
ments to be made to Crafts & Stell and to Gott & Sons. Re  
bills drawn on Wildes & Co. L.B.C. 3:312-313 1705
- June 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Rejoices that there is no further tendency for an advance  
in cloths and blankets. The Company authorizes Gott & Sons to  
draw on Wildes & Co. for the balance of account. Requests a  
copy of annual account. L.B.C. 3:314 1706

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- June 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
The successful termination of the Leipsic fair is encouraging. Expects autumn sale to go off well. Will forward skins and furs. Brewster reports buyers bidding high for skins at Detroit. L.B.C. 3:315 1707
- June 15 -- New York -- From Maitland, Kennedy & Co.  
Re supplying letters of credit at St Louis to the Earl of Selkirk who expects to travel through the south and west of the United States. lp. 1708
- June 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Regret that deer skins arrived in bad condition. Describe assortment of deer skins shipped. Request the Company to honor a certain draft. lp. (French) 1709
- June 16 -- Copenhagen -- From J. Theodore Borup  
Requests the Company to forward a box to his brother, C. W. Borup. lp. 1710
- June 16 -- Hellgate -- From J. J. Astor  
Re sale to Root and Leonard. [?] [Very illegible.] lp. 1711
- June 16 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Re certain sum of money to be credited to the Milwaukee Outfit. Orders large green and blue blankets. . lp. 1712
- June 17 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Re change in directions about note. lp. 1713
- June 17 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has received night caps which are forwarded to the lakes. L.B.C. 3:316 1714
- June 17 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Encloses invoices for all of Warren's supplies which will be delivered by the new brig. Has not filled order for cider and beer; believes total abstinence is profitable to the Company. The prospects for fine fur sales abroad continue good. L.B.C. 3:317 1715
- June 17 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Regrets Warren's inability to meet his note. Encloses a check as a temporary loan. L.B.C. 3:318 1716
- June 17 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Has decided not to send any goods for Lawe. Is pleased that Robinson's affairs are less discouraging. Hopes Abbott will secure Biddle & Drew's furs. All skins except bears sold well at the Leipsic fair. Powder for the Western Outfit has been shipped in kegs. L.B.C. 3:319-320 1717



- June 17 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Encloses invoice for powder. Some cannister powder is wanted at Lapointe. Capt. Stanard will take all supplies from Buffalo and some additional provisions from Mackinac and Detroit. Crooks expects to leave in about two weeks for Mackinac. Annexes memorandum of goods forwarded to Buffalo. L.B.C. 3:321 1718
- June 17 -- New York -- To Capt. Benjamin Stanard, Buffalo  
Hopes Stanard has reached Sault Ste. Marie. Annexes a list of goods for the second cargo of the brig. Gives directions about powder. Annexes a list of goods shipped to Buffalo for Stanard to take on the brig. L.B.C. 3:322-323 1719
- June 17 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
The cargo has been put on the "Astor". Goods received by the "Crooks" Building has been delayed from lack of a mason. Gives order for goods. Fishing is doing fairly well. 2p. 1720
- June 18 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Gives details about goods received and not received. The vessel for Milwaukee has made good progress. 1p. 1721
- June 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Regrets that the brig was so long windbound at Detroit. Expects the brig to be at Buffalo by June 25. Has sent to Capt. Stanard invoices and letters for Mackinac and St. Mary's. Discusses insurance rates for lake vessels. Has insured all goods shipped. The Leipzig fair terminated in a most encouraging manner. Lampson is sure that the autumn sale will be good. Requests Brewster to send all skins possible for this sale. L.B.C. 3:324-325 1722
- June 18 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has given order for blankets to Loubat who leaves soon for France. Loubat has promised that the entire order will be delivered by Jan. 1837. Hopes returns from the upper Missouri will make up for the poor returns from the lower part of the river. Expects heavy demand for robes. Has noted arrangement made with Stone. Has forwarded deer skins to London. L.B.C. 3:326-328 1723
- June 18 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Will try to procure coopers. 1p. 1724
- June 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Montelius & Fuller  
Enclose bill for goods ordered by the Company. 1p. 1725
- June 20 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses note which cannot be negotiated on reasonable terms. Requests remittance of the amount of recent check.

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- Will follow instructions about robes. L.B.C. 3:329 1726
- June 20 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Gives details of deer skins shipped to London. Re deer  
 skins now on hand. L.B.C. 3:330-331 1727
- June 20 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
 Encloses bill of lading and invoices for shipment of deer  
 skins. Does not expect to ship any more skins in time for the  
 summer sale. Has no news from the interior. L.B.C. 3:332 1728
- June 21 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
 Skins have arrived in good order. A. P. Chouteau has sent  
 authority to pay claim against him. L.B.C. 3:333 1729
- June 21 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
 Gives directions about making up charges on goods for  
 1836. Re freight rates. Discusses small number of workmen  
 sent from Montreal. Cannot supply any boatmen for Green Bay.  
 Must use new men at the Northern Outfit. Annexes memorandum of  
 provisions and of goods furnished by Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
 L.B.C. 3:334-337 1730
- June 21 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
 Discusses bill for powder. Hopes workmen sent from Mon-  
 treal will be satisfactory. Guns for chiefs have not arrived  
 from England. Complaint has come from Lac Courtoreille of op-  
 position in the trade at Pelican Lake; wishes information con-  
 cerning this. L.B.C. 3:339 1731
- June 21 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
 Will follow instructions about packing. Do not anticipate  
 any change in prices. 2p. 1732
- June 21 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
 Discuss shipping agreement with packet lines. Urges the  
 Company to claim the utmost damages from the next ship that  
 violates the conditions. Describe the condition of furs when  
 shipped. Have received furs from St. Louis to be forwarded.  
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- June 21 -- Canton, Conn. -- Franklin Mills and Sylvester Par-  
 melee to the Company  
 Apply for employment as hunters. 1p. 1734
- June 22 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
 All goods for Lapointe will be taken up in the brig. An-  
 nexes a statement of the weight and measurements of all goods  
 for St. Mary's Outfit. All shipments sent to Buffalo are to be  
 consigned to Barker & Holt. Re funds collected by Vallee, Boyer

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& Co. for Roussain. Re instructions to Abbott about the workmen. Annexes memorandum of goods forwarded to St. Mary's in 1836. L.B.C. 3:340-341, 341 1/2 1735

June 22 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Annexes memorandum of measurement and weight of goods. Re freight rates. Franchere will report the amount of charges from Buffalo to St. Mary's. Annexes list of supplies to be furnished from Detroit, Mackinac and St. Mary's. Has filled private orders; could not find books wanted by Baraga. Lists excess of certain articles. Could not fill Aitken's order for beaver and rat traps. L.B.C. 3:342-344 1736

June 22 -- New York -- To Alphonse Loubat, Present  
Re order for French blankets to be delivered by Dec. 31. Desires additional blankets of small sizes. Discusses probable future wants and the prospects of buying more blankets from France rather than England. L.B.C. 3:345 1737

June 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Has seen J. G. Halsey in France. Halsey is in feeble health. Furs and skins are arriving later than usual. Inquiries about deer skins are frequent. Re present stock. Some large buyers have just returned from Leipzig. Trade is in a healthy state and everything promises well for the autumn. Trade with the hatters is very brisk. 2p. 1738

June 22 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Gives directions concerning the enclosed check. 1p. 1739

June 22 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son  
Describe shipment of rifles. 1p. 1740

June 23 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Was unable to discover William's intentions. Gives details of conversation about closing their concern. Will have an inventory made. Is sorry the Saginaw treaty was rejected. Lists the goods the "Crooks" will carry to and from Buffalo. Suggests that goods should be sent some other way. Is shipping small lot of superior furs. Has directed Stanard to insure the vessel in Buffalo at 2 per cent. Will insure shipments and charge the loss to the Company. Is afraid to make large fur purchases. 3p. 1741

June 24 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Will offer some deer skins at public sale. Oppenheim has examined skins closely; thinks Oppenheim intends to buy. L.B.C. 3:346 1742

June 24 -- New York -- To Alphonse Loubat, Present  
Wishes some sample of blankets to examine before sending

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order. Wishes to know the exact time required to fill order. Delay in delivery deranges and seriously injures the Indian trade. L.B.C. 3:347 1743

June 24 -- Mackinac -- From Mary Holiday  
Has arrived home. John Holiday has gone to Lake Superior. No arrivals from Lake Superior since the opening of navigation. Holiday took the packet of Crooks's papers to Franchere at the Sault. 2p. 1744

June 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses marked catalog of the sale of June 24 which went off satisfactorily. All the skins were sold except a small lot of beaver. Raccoons brought 50 per cent more than they were fairly worth. Oppenheim was the largest purchaser. L.B.C. 3:348 1745

June 25 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses catalog of the sale which went off well. Sold all skins except a small lot of beaver. Raccoons were run up by two determined opponents. Has had no news from abroad. L.B.C. 3:349 1746

June 25 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses catalog of sale of skins belonging to A. P. Chouteau and Menard & Valle. Prices were satisfactory. Raccoons brought 50 per cent above value. All Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s deer skins went to London. Furs will also be sent, except beaver, otters, and muskrats. Has ordered small blankets from France. Blankets ordered from London in September, 1835, have not arrived. L.B.C. 3:350 1747

June 25 -- New York -- To Auguste P. Chouteau, Western Creek Agency  
Encloses marked catalog of Chouteau's skins. Thinks the prices will equal Chouteau's expectations. Raccoons brought more than they were worth due to competition of rivals. Expects the present price for deer to be maintained. No northwest guns are yet in the market. Annexes list of skins sold. L.B.C. 3:351-352 1748

June 25 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has credited check on account. Bates's proposal for settlement of balance of account is satisfactory. L.B.C. 3:354 1749

June 25 -- New York -- To Menard & Valle, Ste. Genevieve  
Re sale of deer skins at auction. Only a small quantity were suitable for sale in London. Hopes to receive further consignments. Annexes a list of Menard & Valle's skins. L.B.C. 3:355-356 1750

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June 27 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.

Re order for robes. Will pay cash on the receipt of the robes. lp. 1751

June 27 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows

Re order for robes. Asks about supply of robes. lp. 1752

June 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.

Encloses packing accounts. Has noted directions about packing robes. Regrets complaint from buyers. Re plans for packing. Discusses payment to be made to J. J. Astor. Gives details of shipment of robes. Expects boat from Little Missouri region soon; is not certain of the quantity of robes to be received. Annexes a statement of robes forwarded. 2p. (French) 1753

June 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Will follow directions about packing of robes. Regret complaints about robes; wish to satisfy customers. Re arrangements for paying \$50,000 to Astor in accord with Astor's demands. lp. (French) 1754

June 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have not yet received account of the sale of peltries of 1835. Traders in the mountains are anxious to have the accounts. Have had no news of affairs on the upper Missouri. lp. (French) 1755

June 29 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Expects to have a sale early in July. Furs are very late in arriving. Discusses musquash skins. Astor has suffered severely for lack of judgment in the management of his musquash business. Beaver trade with the hatters is uncommonly brisk. Does not think that Lees can control prices beyond January. 2p. 1756

June 29 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Will open a credit for Mr. Bertolla at Venice. Delay in forwarding furs, due to a hard winter in the U.S., will give London a short supply for the autumn sales. Expect continued high prices. lp. 1757

June 30 -- New York -- To Henry Newman, Albany

Annexes copy of account. Has drawn draft for the balance. L.B.C. 3:357 1758

July 1 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal

Is unable to contract to fill order for robes as the entire quantity is already promised. L.B.C. 3:358 1759

July 1 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole

Will try to supply robes. The crop of the lower Missouri

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is much less than in 1835. Will need 200 dozen socks; hopes the price will not exceed \$3.00. L.B.C. 3:359 1760

July 1 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry & Son, Boulton  
Encloses note in payment for rifles. L.B.C. 3:361 1761

July 1 -- New York -- To Mills and Parmalee, Canton, Conn.  
The Company is not in need of any hunters. L.B.C. 3:362 1762

July 1 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Guide has arrived from Mackinac; reported that men reached Mackinac safely. Will try to sell canoe. Re certain bills paid. lp. 1763

July 2 -- Leipsic -- From Frege & Co.  
Statement of business done in American furs at the Easter fair. American furs are not in great favor and the prospects are not bright. Business was limited to Greek and German merchants. Dull state of business in Russia and the troubles in Poland and Galicia are responsible for this. 3p. 1764

July 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Advise the Company of a dividend of four per cent declared by the Bank of the U.S. lp. 1765

July 5 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son  
Acknowledge receipt of note in payment of rifles. lp. 1766

July 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Give details concerning drafts and accounts. Re shipment of furs and skins via Pittsburgh. lp. (French) 1767

July 6 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Hopes the Ohio Canal will prove a satisfactory route. Re insurance arrangements on furs and skins. Furs are on board a packet to sail for London. Beaver is not in demand due to the use of nutria. Has order for large quantity of robes. Wishes to know whether the prices will be the same as in 1835. Loubat has sailed for France and will remain there. Re high price charged for plaids by Montelius & Fuller. Annexes a corrected statement of bill. L.B.C. 3:363-365 1768

July 6 -- New York -- To Montelius & Fuller  
Discusses high rates charged for plaids. Desires a reduction in price. L.B.C. 3:366 1769

July 6 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Describes probable route by which workmen may be sent to Prairie du Chien. Requests surveying apparatus to be forwarded

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to Lawe without delay. Brewster is responsible for arranging the schedule of the brig. All charges of each shipment should be forwarded promptly. Re directions for replacing part of the stove lost by Cottrell's men on their way to the lakes. L.B.C. 3:367-369 1770

July 6 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Abbott has reported the arrival of men and stoves from Montreal. Fears chiefs' guns will arrive too late to be of any use this season. L.B.C. 3:370 1771

July 6 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Will give immediate attention to the shipment of deer skins. Re stock of deer skins. Gives details of harm done to the market by the activities of speculators. lp. 1772

July 7 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell  
Will ship entire order July 16. lp. 1773

July 7 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Abbott has reported the arrival of Cottrell's men at Mackinac. Abbott is to send a description of the missing part of the stove; requests Vallée, Boyer & Co. to have it replaced. Has declined taking any more orders from Montreal for robes. L.B.C. 3:371 1774

July 7 -- New York -- To Mary Holiday, Mackinac  
Is pleased that Holiday had set out to complete his undertaking for the government on Lake Superior. Will fill order for Jamison when more definite memorandum is received. Mary's dress is ready. L.B.C. 3:372 1775

July 7 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has received peltries in good order. Considers the prices paid by Brewster reasonable. Is pleased that the brig gives satisfaction. Advises that the brig be loaded less heavily, especially when bound for the Sault. L.B.C. 3:373-374 1776

July 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Is anxious to know the result of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale, especially in muskrats. The Company has purchased Astor's entire stock of muskrats in order to control the market. Oppenheim is sick of his purchases at the recent sale of the Company. L.B.C. 3:376 1777

July 7 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Gives details of accounts. Will ship furs and skins, mostly raccoons. L.B.C. 3:377 1778

July 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Montelius & Fuller  
Describe difficulties in filling last order for the Com-

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pany. Offer slight rebate on the price charged for gingham.  
lp.

1779

July 8 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Schoolcraft and he are preparing licenses and blank certificates for Lake Superior. Laborers for the outfits are still at Mackinac. Small shipments of furs from Grand River, Milwaukee, and Green Bay. Biddle and Drew will get prices in New York before offering in Mackinac. The chiefs are collecting for the treaty council. lp.

1780

July 8 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt

The brig "Crooks" in charge of Capt. Stanard has taken the goods for the lake country; also, a lot of freight in barrels.  
lp.

1781

July 8 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie

Is unable to account for the delay in the mail for St. Mary's. The brig should not be detained. All buildings should be finished before next autumn. Agnew expects to return to the Lake soon. L.B.C. 3:375

1782

July 9 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Encloses bill of lading and invoice of furs and skins. Returns from the interior arrived much later than usual. Fears the supply for the autumn sale will be less than was expected. L.B.C. 3:378

1783

July 9 -- New York -- To C. M. Lamson, London

Gives details of shipment of furs and skins to Wildes & Co. Returns from the Indian country are very late; fears that shipments cannot be made in time for the autumn sales. Competition runs high in Michigan. L.B.C. 3:379-380

1784

July 9 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

The packet "Gladiator" is in dock with deer skins. Enclose accounts current. 2p.

1785

July 11 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for furs. lp.

1786

July 12 -- Copenhagen -- From Theodore Borup

Acknowledges receipt of remittance forwarded by his brother. lp.

1787

July 12 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Has informed J. J. Astor that the Company will pay him \$10,000 as requested by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Re drafts honored. Regrets that Pratte, Chouteau & Co. had no opportunity to purchase Leclerc's robes; any new speculator who once gets a taste of the profits will make renewed efforts to obtain a larger share next season. L.B.C. 3:381

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- July 12 -- St Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
The "niana" has just arrived with robes, beaver, deer skins, etc. 1p. (French) 1789
- July 14 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell  
Enclose invoice of goods shipped. Tell of the difficulty in purchasing woolen cloth at low prices. Do not expect much alteration in the market. 3p. 1790
- July 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lamson  
Deer skins have arrived in bad order. Re assortment of these skins; damaged skins are a most unfortunate circumstance. Large nutria sale at Liverpool showed a decline of 20 per cent. in prices. Change in the market is due to weakening among speculators who must now lose money. 2p. 1791
- July 14 -- St Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of robes via New Orleans. 1p. 1792
- July 15 -- Liverpool -- From Crary, Fletcher & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for goods from Crafts & Stell. 1p. 1793
- July 16 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
Supposes Crooks has left for the West. Has not made large purchases because Newberry paid high prices and certain furs were sent to New York. Record hunts are reported from Fond du Lac. 1p. 1794
- July 18 -- New York -- To Samuel Campbell, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
Re need for large size wampum moons and hair pipes. Wishes to know when Campbell can fill the order. L.B.C. 3:382 1795
- July 18 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallé, Ste. Genevieve  
Encloses account of the sales of deer skins. The prospects are good for high prices for deer skins in Europe. L.B.C. 3:383 1796
- July 18 -- New York -- To Auguste P. Chouteau, Western Creek Agency  
Is preparing goods for shipment. Rifles may have to be made to order. No northwest guns are in the market. Encloses an account of the sales. L.B.C. 3:384 1797
- July 19 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Wishes to know whether any northwest guns can be obtained in Philadelphia. L.B.C. 3:385 1798
- July 19 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Re shipment of deer skins. Is disappointed in not receiv-

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ing returns from the Indian country in time to ship for the autumn sale. Has no definite information of the amount of the returns. L.B.C. 3:386 1799

July 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Discusses affairs in the matter of muskrats. Advance on beaver is far beyond the Company's expectations. Will ship beaver at once. Regrets meagre returns received for autumn sale. Expects the collection from the Detroit region will be much less than last year. High prices in London have induced some traders who formerly sold at Detroit to export their skins direct to London. L.B.C. 3:387-388 1800

July 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Shipment of deer skins has turned out to be very inferior. Re prospects for the sale. The autumn sale will be small. lp. 1801

July 19 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Received notice of consignment of 9 bales and 243 packs of deer skins. lp. 1802

July 20 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo

Is pleased that the brig has departed with goods. Wishes to know the prospects for chartering steam freight boat in case the Company obtains government contract to deliver Indian goods. Re boxes to be sent to Abbott. L.B.C. 3:389-390 1803

July 21 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present

Re order for powder. L.B.C. 3:391 1804

July 21 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

Reports good fishery at the rapids and Whitefish Point. 924 barrels of fish received from Lapointe and the Ance. Mentions omission in the goods received. 3p. 1805

July 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss

Discuss kettles and guns. Can purchase kettles in small lots. lp. 1806

July 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re robes shipped and drafts drawn. lp. (French) 1807

July 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Discuss prices for robes and the circumstances governing prices. Have not yet had a report on the sale of the 1835 collections. The traders from the mountain region and the upper Missouri cannot now be advised of the results. Consider that this delay is very unfortunate. The Government owes the firm for annuities and presents to the Indians. 2p. (French) 1808

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July 22 -- Venice -- From Alessandro Bertolla

Has received samples from the Company and will fill orders as soon as possible. Lists kinds of beads ready for shipment. Directions as to the method used in packing beads. Re personal matters concerning Bertolla's nephew in America. 2p. (French) 1809

July 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Is grateful for the particulars about the sale in New York. High prices paid for raccoons by Oppenheim would indicate that his brother has done well in Leipsic and is much in want of raccoons. Annexes assortment and valuation of lot of deer skins. 2p. 1810

July 23 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 3:392 1811

July 23 -- New York -- To Cutler & Stacey, Sheffield

Will send order for hardware usually obtained in England. Re plan for payment. Wishes to know the probable prices of goods. L.B.C. 3:393 1812

July 23 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell

Enclose duplicate invoice. 1p. 1813

July 23 -- Philadelphia -- DuPont de Nemours & Co. to William Kemble (Agent)

Re American Fur Co.'s order for powder. 1814

July 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Give details about drafts amounting to \$9,900. Re robes ready to ship. Have delivered robes received from David Stone and enclose drafts as directed by Stone. Expect the quantity of robes to be about the same as in 1835. 1p. (French) 1815

July 25 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt

The owner of the Fulton steamboat will agree to carry 2500 barrels of freight to Mackinac for \$5000. Newberry will see Crooks in New York and give more information on the subject. 2p. 1816

July 25 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Goods ordered for Warren have been shipped. Goods from Crafts & Stell are not yet landed. Goods from Gott & Sons have not arrived. Money is difficult to obtain. Astor wants his money on August 1; will arrange to pay him. Chouteau has complained of the delay in the receipt of his accounts. Order of goods to be imported for Chouteau will be sent to Gott & Sons. Fears beaver from St. Louis will not arrive in time for the public sale by the middle of September. Re Lampson's report about the deer skins. The prospects for the autumn sale of furs are flattering. L.B.C. 3:459-460 1817

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July 25 -- New York -- From Suydam Jackson & Co.

Have received from Judge Riley an extract of a letter from Schoolcraft in regard to the Indian treaty. Have received instructions from Harris that preference will be given to bidder for the largest quantity of goods. lp. 1818

July 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re drafts remitted to be credited. lp. (French) 1819

July 26 -- New York -- To Montelius & Fuller, Philadelphia

Re draft drawn in favor of Jos. Blain. L.B.C. 3:394 1820

July 26 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee

Discusses arrangement made with Samuel Hinman for payment on account of the Milwaukee Outfit. Abbott will furnish blankets needed by Juneau. L.B.C. 3:396 1821

July 26 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons

Enclose invoice. Discuss prices. lp. 1822

July 26 -- Hollidaysburg, Pa. -- From Samuel C. Stambaugh

Re draft from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lost while Stambaugh was on his way from Pittsburgh. Gives directions to Crooks about the lost draft. lp. 1823

July 27 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Encloses account current up to Dec. 31, 1835 accompanied by vouchers, etc. Also, encloses abstract of account to July 26, including separate bills of sales. Describes difficulty in settling with Garber & O'Connor. Tells advantages of shipping by the Ohio route. Wishes to know the prices desired for robes. Beaver is very dull. L.B.C. 3:399-400 1824

July 27 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling

Encloses account current with the Western Outfit and a memorandum of goods forwarded last spring. L.B.C. 3:401 1825

July 27 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien

Encloses account current to Dec. 31, 1835 and abstract of account to date. Has sent account to Mayrand. Has sent the Western Outfit account. Hopes to keep more accurate accounts in the future. Re instructions for making up accounts. Crooks will visit Lapointe but does not expect to go to Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 3:402, 404 1826

July 27 -- New York -- To J. B. Mayrand, Prairie du Chien

The Company does not anticipate receiving any more payments from Mayrand's relative in Canada. Encloses account current. The Company will collect any claims possible in Canada. L.B.C. 3:405 1827

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July 27 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
 Encloses account with the Western Outfit for 1834 and 1835. Will forward chiefs' guns at once via Buffalo. The prospects continue good for the sale of furs and skins in London. Hopes the collection of robes will be larger than usual. Beaver is not in demand for home consumption. Muskrats are very cheap. Powell has been trying all along the seaboard to sell his muskrats. The Company desires a report of the probable returns for the season. L.B.C. 3:406-407 1828

July 27 -- New York -- To John Jacob Astor  
 Encloses account between Astor and the Company, embracing transactions of the past year. Will pay the balance in Astor's favor at any time. Wishes to know the amount of Aitken's note in order to arrange payment. Crooks expects to leave soon for the lakes. L.B.C. 3:408 1829

July 28 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
 Rolette is in Mackinac; there is no means for transporting his powder. The Western Outfit will have 900 packs. Compares Warren's returns of 1835 and 1836; his fishing business is good. Supplies have arrived too late. No packs are in from the West; a few have been received from Lawe. lp. 1830

July 29 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
 Sends order for additional powder. The Company prefers to have the entire order delivered by Aug. 15. L.B.C. 3:409 1831

July 30 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
 Has shipped 100 packs. Newberry is paying high prices. lp. 1832

July 30 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell  
 Re draft drawn on Wildes & Co. on account of the Company. lp. 1833

July 30 -- Liverpool -- From Grary, Fletcher & Co.  
 Enclose bill of lading for goods forwarded at the order of B. Gott & Sons. lp. 1834

July 30 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
 Regrets that workmen for the Western Outfit and for Lake Superior are still at Mackinac. Has learned that the Indians have assented to the Senate's modification of the treaty. Hope to obtain the contract from the government to supply a part of the Indian goods. Crooks expects to sail from Buffalo on July 5 for Mackinac. Re blankets to be supplied to Juneau. L.B.C. 3:397 1835

July 30 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
 Is satisfied with the terms proposed by DuPont for powder. L.B.C. 3:398 1836

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- July 30 -- New York -- To Samuel C. Stambaugh, Lancaster  
Has noted draft on Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lost by Stam-  
baugh. L.B.C. 3:411 1837
- July 30 -- New York -- To Ferguson & Hall, Philadelphia  
Encloses check in payment for scarlet shawls. L.B.C. 3:  
412 1838
- July 30 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Discusses rates asked by transportation lines for a  
chartered steamer. Will arrange the matter when Crooks reaches  
Buffalo. Newberry is leaving for Buffalo. Crooks and family  
will leave Buffalo for the upper lakes, Aug. 5. L.B.C. 3:413  
1839
- July 30 -- New York -- To Joseph Folette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses invoice for chiefs' guns. Has forwarded guns  
with directions to send them to Green Bay. L.B.C. 3:414 1840
- July 30 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Details of accounts. The Company has declared dividend of  
10 per cent on capital stock out of profits earned up to Dec.  
1835. Delay in receiving accounts from the interior prevented  
arranging for dividend earlier. Expects returns from Lake Su-  
perior region to be good; the collection of muskrats from the  
upper Mississippi will be large. Crooks is leaving at once for  
lake region; Clapp will act as president pro tem. L.B.C. 3:  
415-416 1841
- July 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Regrets that Brewster will not have a good collection of  
skins but the Company is willing to indulge Newberry at the  
rates he pays. Crooks expects to proceed at once to Mackinac.  
Will bring all accounts and documents relating to the Detroit  
Department. L.B.C. 3:417 1842
- July 30 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re account of robes. Crooks will leave July 31 for the  
lakes; Clapp will have charge of the office. L.B.C. 3:418  
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- July 30 -- St. Mary's -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Re furs sent. Rope for the schooner has been sent to  
Detroit. 1p. 1844
- July 30 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Has received consignment of deer skins in excellent or-  
der. Annexes assortment and valuation of these skins. 2p. 1845
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Annexes statement of account to date. L.B.C. 3:419-420  
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- Aug. 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Ferguson & Hall (per Samuel Trout)  
Have received check in full payment for bill of Jan. 18.  
lp. 1847
- Aug. 2 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re robes received from St. Louis and arrangements for forwarding them. lp. 1848
- Aug. 2 -- Boston -- Martin Bates & Son to John B. Whetten  
Have received account current; re error. lp. 1849
- Aug. 2 -- Fort Gibson -- From Auguste P. Chouteau  
Is pleased that last shipment of furs was more satisfactory to the Company. Chouteau is pleased with prices received.  
lp. 1850
- Aug. 2 -- Lancaster -- From Samuel C. Stambaugh  
Has found lost draft. lp. 1851
- Aug. 3 -- Boston -- Martin Bates & Son to John B. Whetten  
Details of check omitted in account current with the Company. lp. 1852
- Aug. 3 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Samuel C. Stambaugh, Lancaster  
Has received draft and accepted the same. Crooks has left for the Northwest. L.B.C. 3:421 1853
- Aug. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses letter for Crooks. The latest reports hold out flattering prospects except for muskrats. Regrets that Brewster has not sent raccoons for the fall sale. L.B.C. 3:422 1854
- Aug. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Crooks, Detroit  
Discusses plans for filling contract for goods. Will ship part of the orders for Chapman and Robinson immediately. Expects strong competition in the proposals for goods. Robes have been shipped from St. Louis. L.B.C. 3:423-424 1855
- Aug. 3 -- New York -- John S. Sumner & Co. to Benjamin Clapp  
Re efforts to secure robes from the Company. lp. 1856
- Aug. 4 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Encloses marked catalog of deer skin sale. Discusses the prices received. Lampson is pleased with the results obtained. Re market prospects. It is difficult to ship skins in hot weather. Describes small sales and gives the prices received. The market conditions are favorable for more raccoons. Many

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furs were bid in at Rows's sale. 4p.

1857

Aug. 5 -- Buffalo -- To Benjamin Clapp

Is leaving for Mackinac. The Company is to pay Aitken's note to Astor. Re payment of the Company's and Crooks's debts to Astor, purchase of 65 of the Company's shares for S. Halsey and payment of dividends. Gives details of prices of buffalo robes and sales to small buyers. Astor's second quality rats and beavers are to be sent to England. Recommends a public sale in September. Lake Superior will furnish more fish than was expected. Re arrangements for sending Indian goods west. Re draft collectable on Bullock Lyman & Co. 4p.

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Aug. 5 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston

The lost draft has not been presented for payment. L.B.C.  
3:426 1859

Aug. 6 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Crooks will probably be absent two or three months. Has no definite information about returns in the interior. Will ship some low priced muskrats and a few skins. L.B.C. 3:428

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Aug. 6 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London

Crooks will probably be absent three months. Returns generally promise well. The quantity of martins from Lake Superior will be unusually large. Will send forward shipments as rapidly as possible. Competition at Detroit has been carried to such an extreme that the Company has not obtained the usual quantity of skins. Expects to ship some western and Rocky Mountain beaver. The Company has declared a 10 per cent dividend. L.B.C. 3:429

1861

Aug. 6 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Have received invoice of furs on the packet "President". Lampson will give details of recent sales of deer skins. 1p.

1862

Aug. 8 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston

Encloses draft from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. on Barnard, Adams & Co. to be accepted. L.B.C. 3:430

1863

Aug. 8 -- On board the "Michigan" in River St. Claire --  
To Benjamin Clapp

Brewster bought few skins because of the great price Newberry paid. Re skin situation in Detroit. Discusses the Company's chances in the spring sales against its competitors. Expects to conclude transactions with Williams brothers of Saginaw. Western Outfit will have 900 packs. Campau's (Robinson's



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competitor) furs to be bought in New York if the price is put down. Green Bay returns are not good. Gives details of the returns from Lake Superior. Has not heard that packs arrived at St. Mary's -- few are at Mackinac. Goods from New York for Mackinac and LaPointe arrived. The brig is loading at Lake Erie with provisions to complete the year's supply. Schoolcraft is aboard with commission of Superintendent and assures that the Indians will pay the Company debts. Outfits for Robinson and Chapman are to accompany supplies for the Indians and the public. Brewster has been given instructions about corn, pork, and flour and freight from Buffalo to Mackinac. He will have a boat ready if the Company gets the contract. Chouteau's goods are to be sent immediately. Directions about insurance are attached to memorandum. Surplus lots in Bethune are to be sold for a fair price or part on short credit. Return of money deposits from the Customs House is to be settled by Clapp. Explains transactions with Wildes & Co. and Crary Fletcher & Co. Bill on Liverpool is to be bought. Re advertising for goods to store at Bethune St. Gives details of bringing office books up to date immediately. 4p. 1864

Aug. 9 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Has received delayed casks of furs. Will soon have enough robes to begin delivering to buyers. Wishes opinion about prices for robes. Reports from London are still favorable for beaver. The home consumption of beaver is greatly diminished in consequence of the almost universal use of silk hats. L.B.C. 3:431 1865

Aug. 9 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster, Detroit

Hopes Crooks has reached Detroit. Part of the packs have arrived. Reports from London are decidedly favorable for a good sale. Newberry may make money on his shipments in spite of the extravagant rates he paid. Suydam & Sage ship Newberry's skins this season. L.B.C. 3:432 1866

Aug. 9 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Encloses invoices and bills of lading for shipments of skins. Returns from the interior are now being received and will be forwarded rapidly. L.B.C. 3:433 1867

Aug. 9 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London

Expects to ship more muskrats and beaver soon. The supply of beaver from the mountains is much less than usual. L.B.C. 3:434 1868

Aug. 9 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Payment to Astor will be made as directed. Will await Crooks's return for final adjustment with Halsey. The proper

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time for the declaration of dividends by the Company's charter is the first Monday of January. Pratte, Chouteau & Co. have delivered robes to Stone's agents in St. Louis. Stambaugh has sent lost draft. Whetten thinks he can procure goods for the contract. L.B.C. 3:435 1869

Aug. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

The "Diana" has arrived from the bluffs. The quantity of robes is smaller than was expected. Sublette & Co. have traded with Cheyennes and Arrapahoes but are unable to ship robes down the Platte due to the low water. Re robes shipped from the upper Missouri. Discuss the quantity of robes and the prices. 3p. (French) 1870

Aug. 10 -- Boston -- Martin Bates & Son to J. C. Halsey & Co.  
Re enclosed acceptance. 1p. 1871

Aug. 10 -- New York -- From John B. Whetten

Contract was decided Aug. 9 in favor of the Company. Boyd and Suydam's bid was higher. Whetten is preparing goods for examination and shipment. Expects some difficulty in getting everything in straight conformity with the proposal. Will ship via Buffalo. The principal part of Robinson's and Chapman's orders has been shipped. L.B.C. 3:436 1872

Aug. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster,  
Detroit

Encloses letter to Crooks. Re shipment of goods for Indians under treaty lately made. Will forward large shipment for Mackinac soon. Requests Brewster to arrange transportation from Buffalo if Crooks has not done so. The Company is under heavy bond to deliver goods at Mackinac not later than Sept. 8. L.B.C. 3:438 1873

Aug. 11 -- Mackinac -- To Benjamin Clapp

Encloses memorandum for part of Warren's order which is to be sent immediately. It is impossible to send details regarding the Western Outfit's returns; they are larger than in 1835. Rolette will sell his furs and skins as his associates do not wish to wait for returns from Europe. Grand River, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Prairie du Chien skins are at hand; will send opinion on them. Is sailing for the Sault in the next voyage of the "Astor". Gives details of drafts. 2p. 1874

Aug. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Enclose order for merchandise wanted from England. Re invoices of robes forwarded. 1p. (French) 1875

Aug. 11 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Have not found coopers. Wish a supply of robes as usual. 1p. 1876

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- Aug. 12 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Re enclosed check to be credited on account. 1p. 1877
- Aug. 12 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
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Annexes receipt for goods destined for Abbott at Mackinac.  
Has shipped powder for Brewster and for the government. L.B.O. 3:439 1878
- Aug. 12 -- Fort Ramsay -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Has changed the name of his establishment. Has forwarded furs and skins of the Northern Outfit. The fishing prospects are fair; has shipped 1103 barrels of fish. Needs twine. Sees some appearance of opposition from St. Peter's. 2p. 1879
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
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Requests that certain packages be forwarded to Brewster. L.B.O. 3:440 1880
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit  
Annexes receipt for shipment to Major Henry Whiting. Suydam, Jackson & Co. will forward invoices and instructions for the delivery of goods. Will forward Brewster's skins to London without delay. L.B.O. 3:441 1881
- Aug. 15 [Received] -- Western Creek Agency -- From [Auguste P. Chouteau]  
Describe furs forwarded to Merle & Co. Has been prevented from entering into business due to regulations of the Indian department. Has large quantity of goods on hand and cannot meet payments promptly. Regulations were recently rescinded and Chouteau plans to engage in selling his goods. Re instructions about accounts. 3p. 1882
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- To Crafts & Stell, Manchester  
Will report on qualities of goods. Regrets that list cloths are charged at such high rates. Quantity of blankets is not correct. Crooks is absent in the interior. L.B.O. 3:453 1883
- Aug. 15 -- Ipswich, Mass. -- From Miss Z. P. Grant  
Has furnished funds to Jane Holiday. Will forward minute account to Lieut. Jamison, her brother-in-law. Asks Crooks to forward \$200 on Jane Holiday's account. 1p. 1884
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
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Encloses receipts for government goods. Hopes these will be forwarded at once. A member of the house of Suydam, Jackson

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& Co. will accompany these goods to their destination. L.B.C.  
3:442 1835

Aug. 15 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Whetten has dispatched all the goods for the United States. The whole matter is now completed and the interchange of documents between Major Garland and Messrs. Suydam, Jackson & Co. has taken place. Seton has announced a public sale of his cut furs. Whetten's postscript states that he has completed the government contract and will give attention to furs and skins. L.B.C. 3:443-444, 446 1836

Aug. 16 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Crooks thinks Newberry will fail. Since it is too late to get furs to London will store those on hand. Requests they be insured in warehouse. lp. 1837

Aug. 16 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for furs and robes. lp. 1838

Aug. 17 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to John B. Whetten

Have heard that Crooks has made contract at Detroit for the transportation of the government goods from New York to Mackinac. Goods for Abbott and Brewster will be forwarded without delay. lp. 1839

Aug. 18 -- Mackinac -- To Benjamin Clapp

Rolette reports that the late arrival of goods made a loss in the Mississippi trade. Goods order to be sent to England immediately. Re arrangements for shipment of goods from Liverpool. Details of blankets. Instructions re lists of cloth, etc. are to be reiterated. Hardware is to be ordered of the new Sheffield correspondent. Re shipment of goods from Liverpool. Requests Clapp to inspect the guns ordered. They are to be sent with the other goods from New York. Re clay pipes. Encloses memorandum of Franchere's requirements and instructions for their shipment. Requests special attention to Franchere's seine for the fisheries. Requests payment of the sum to Hargrave of Buenos Aires for Powell Lamont & Co. of St. Louis. Encloses 2 drafts collectible to be credited to Western Outfit. Rolette's newspapers are to be sent. Crooks is leaving for St Mary's. State of Western Outfit packs. Biddle and Drew consider selling in New York; might sell to the Company. Difference between the past and the present fur yields. Re Hudson's Bay Co.'s yields. Sends order for gartering and worsted yarn. 4p. 1890

Aug. 18 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Musquash bought by Lees have remained largely in Hudson's Bay Co.'s house; were bought for speculation rather than for immediate demand. Nutria prices are low. Gives details of plan to support prices on musquash. Lampson attributes his

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success in London to confidence of his business friends. Beaver trade in London is most difficult to manage. Re competition. Gives details of the stock in the market. 3p. 1891

Aug. 18 -- New York -- Suydam, Jackson & Co. To John B. Whetten  
Have given check for \$5000 for account of Major Garland. 1892  
1p.

Aug. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re robes forwarded. Details part of shipment belonging to the upper Missouri region. 1p. (French) 1893

Aug. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Smith & Brown  
Give directions for payment of notes. 1p. 1894

Aug. 18 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
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Annexes receipt for packages consigned to Abbott. L.B.C. 3:447 1895

Aug. 18 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Annexes statement of account. Requests an early settlement. L.B.C. 3:448 1896

Aug. 19 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoices of goods for Robinson and for Chapman. L.B.C. 3:449 1897

Aug. 19 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Will divide accounts as requested. Has received favorable reports from Crooks. L.B.C. 3:450 1898

Aug. 19 -- New York -- John S. Sumner & Co. to the Company  
Hope to obtain 50 bales of robes from the Company. 1p. 1899

Aug. 20 -- Mackinac -- To Joseph Rolette, Present  
Offers to buy all the Western Outfit skins and furs for 1835 as per table of prices included or will sell muskrats in New York for account of Western Outfit. Has requested New York office to send duplicate of 1835 order for the Western Outfit and Fort Snelling. 2p. Enclosed in no. 1928. 1900

Aug. 20 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.  
Wish to know about the supply of robes. 1p. 1901

Aug. 22 -- New York -- J. James to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for tombstone to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 3:452 1902

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- Aug. 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Wildes & Co. will forward account of the sales of deer skins. Will discuss the summer shipments at a later date. Gives details of freight on deer skins. lp. 1903
- Aug. 22 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Give amount of the sales of deer skins. lp. 1904
- Aug. 23 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses \$4000 draft for amount granted the Northern Department in the Ottawa and Chippewa treaty of Mar. 28. lp. 1905
- Aug. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
The decline in nutrias in London will not be felt in the United States immediately. Regrets exceedingly that deer skins arrived in damaged condition. Returns of the present season are generally good. Is preparing Detroit raccoons and deer skins for shipment. L.B.C. 3:454 1906
- Aug. 24 -- Mackinac -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Received letters with notice of the government contract. The "J. J. Astor" is at St. Mary's with Northern furs; they are to be shipped by the brig. Letter of Warren ordering twines enclosed. Re filling and shipment of order. lp. 1907
- Aug. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhaus, Philadelphia  
Re order for goods. Is still in need of northwest guns. L.B.C. 3:456 1908
- Aug. 25 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. St. Louis  
Re delay in the delivery of letters. Discusses prices to be charged for robes. The Company approves plan for the sale of inferior robes in Ohio, etc. Will give immediate attention to order for goods. Fears beaver will arrive too late. The Company desires to have public sale by the middle of September. Lampson has reported the receipt of deer skins in damaged condition. Has forwarded tombstone for B. Pratte. There is no trade in furs and skins at present. L.B.C. 3:457-458 1909
- Aug. 25 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhaus to John B. Whetten  
Have forwarded 50 pounds of tinsel lace; the bill is \$75.50. Have found among all the importers of northwest guns 5 cases of 24 guns each. 2p. 1910
- Aug. 25 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re robes and furs received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 1911

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Aug. 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Pratte will remit certain drafts. Re furs and robes forwarded from the upper Missouri. Have shipped only qualities saleable on the New York market; will sell inferior brand at St. Louis. Re drafts to be paid to J. J. Astor. Hope superior robes will sell higher than in 1835. lp. (French) 1912

Aug. 25 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt,  
Buffalo

Re arrangements for shipment of the government goods from Buffalo to Mackinac. Re goods to be forwarded to St. Mary's. L.B.C. 3:461 1913

Aug. 26 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster,  
Detroit

Will provide insurance on furs in Brewster's warehouse. Is anxious to have goods for the Northern Outfit forwarded promptly. Money is not likely to be made on raccoons due to the enormous rates paid by Brewster's opponents. L.B.C. 3:462 1914

Aug. 26 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Lyman M. Warren,  
Lapointe

Annexes invoice for goods forwarded to Northern Outfit in care of Franchere at St. Mary's. L.B.C. 3:467 1915

Aug. 26 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gabriel Franchere,  
Sault Ste. Marie

All packs of skins have arrived but have not been examined. Encloses letter to Warren. L.B.C. 3:464 1916

Aug. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhauss  
Northwest guns are too high but will be obliged to take them. L.B.C. 3:465 1917

Aug. 27 -- Boston -- From Barnard, Adams & Co.

David Stone has neglected to open credit for payment of a portion of the Company's collection of robes. lp. 1918

Aug. 27 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Miss Z. P. Grant,  
Ipswich

Encloses check on account of Jane Holiday. Will make future payments as Miss Grant desires. L.B.C. 3:466 1919

Aug. 27 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to John B.  
Whetten

Re certain other guns that can be procured. lp. 1920

Aug. 27 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re robes received and arrangements made for forwarding them. lp. 1921

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- Aug. 29 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses duplicate of draft in letter of Aug. 23. 1p.  
Encloses no. 1923. 1922
- Aug. 30 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses another draft on the government. Enclosed in no.  
1922. 1p. 1923
- Aug. 30 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons, .  
Leeds  
Encloses memorandum for sundry goods which are to be sent  
to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. for shipment. Will make provi-  
sion for payment. L.B.C. 3:467 1924
- Aug. 30 -- Ipswich, Mass. -- Miss Z. P. Grant to Benjamin Clapp  
Discusses method of forwarding funds for Jane Holiday.  
1p. 1925
- Aug. 30 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs and robes. 1p. 1926
- Aug. 31 -- Mackinac -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Hopes goods for the government contract were sent off in  
time. Schoolcraft received invoices and the Indians have ar-  
rived. Arrangements with Suydam, Jackson & Co. for shipment  
of these goods. Arrangements with Rolette to purchase skins.  
Encloses copy of the Company's proposal to him. Certain re-  
turns are ready for shipment; Drew, Biddle, and Milwaukee skins  
will be sent by the brig. Drafts collectable for the Northern  
Outfit and two for St. Mary's account are enclosed. Encloses  
a certificate to be placed to Crooks's account. Re distribu-  
tion of money among the Indians by Commissioner. Debts due the  
Company will be paid. 3p. 1927
- Aug. 31 --  
Duplicate of letter from Crooks to Clapp dated from  
Mackinac, Aug. 31, 1836; also a duplicate of memorandum of  
rates at which the Company would take Rolette's furs (Western  
Outfit) and Crooks proposal to him. Encloses no. 1900. 4p.  
1928
- Aug. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to G. M. Lampson, London  
Cannot understand how skins became to badly damaged. Has  
forwarded deer skins, raccoon, and beaver. If opponents in  
the Detroit region make money this year, the Company may bid  
adieu to any further operations there. L.B.C. 3:468 1929
- Aug. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co.  
Goods ordered in England are directed to Wildes, Pickers-  
gill & Co. for shipment. The Company does not wish to be dis-  
appointed in receipt of the goods. L.B.C. 3:469 1930



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Aug. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Cutler & Stacey,  
Sheffield

Re order for goods which are to be sent to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. for shipment. Desires to have this order filled promptly. L.B.C. 3:470 1931

Aug. 31 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Will forward goods for Rolette, Sept. 1. Sample goods from Gotts have not arrived but the Company has decided to send an order for woollens and worsteds to Gotts. Will attend to Franchere's order. Gives Lamson's valuation of damaged deer skins. Re difficulty in understanding accounts submitted by Wildes & Co. Robes of Powell and of Sublette & Campbell can be got to St. Louis only in wagons. Powell has not succeeded in selling his rats. Whetten will have charge of the distribution of robes. L.B.C. 3:471-472 1932

Aug. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Re furs and skins shipped. Encloses order for goods which should be shipped early. Gun flints sent last year were too large. Gives details of the kind of guns wanted. Re account. L.B.C. 3:473-474 1933

Aug. 31 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

Sends order for goods. lp. 1934

Aug. 31 -- London -- From G. W. Wildes & Co.

Will honor drafts sent by the Company. lp. 1935

Sept. 2 -- Boston -- B. Homes to John B. Whetten

Sends order for red calf buffalo robes. lp. 1936

Sept. 2 -- Mackinac -- To John B. Whetten

Hopes the government, Robinson's, and Chapman's goods were sent off in time. There is a possibility of good trade with the Indians because of the distribution of government money. Gives details of the shabby treatment by railroad of goods en route to Buffalo. Brewster's partner Smart sent to Buffalo to arrange for shipment of goods to Mackinac. Rolette writes of Indian war and its effect on trade. No skins can reach New York before the 25th. Rolette expected to give his answer to proposal to buy skins. Biddle's and Drew's skins have not yet been bought. 2p. 1937

Sept. 3 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Have received additional furs and robes which are being shipped. lp. 1938

Sept. 3 -- New Orleans -- From Whittman & Browne

Have forwarded shipment to the Company. lp. 1939

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- Sept. 5 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Discusses shipment of goods; has had no report of its  
arrival. L.B.C. 4:1-2 1940
- Sept. 5 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhauss,  
Philadelphia  
Has received guns in good order. Re order for blue German  
caps. L.B.C. 4:3 1941
- Sept. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
Regret that deer skins arrived in damaged condition. Will  
use greater caution in shipping. Packs from Lake Superior are  
on the way to New York. L.B.C. 4:4 1942
- Sept. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Lampson has reported fully about the deer skins. The  
returns from Lake Superior are on the way to New York. Re  
draft drawn in favor of J. C. Halsey & Co. L.B.C. 4:5 1943
- Sept. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Crary, Fletcher & Co.,  
Liverpool  
Goods are not yet landed. Requests statement of account.  
Crooks is absent in the lake country. L.B.C. 4:6 1944
- Sept. 7 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to John B.  
Whetten  
Annex bill for 3 dozen woolen caps. Ask for note for the  
amount of account. lp. 1945
- Sept. 7 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for robes and furs. Gives details  
of damaged robes. lp. 1946
- Sept. 8 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
St. Louis  
Robes have arrived; will begin delivery immediately. The  
price will be the same as in 1835. Has ordered English goods.  
Goods procured in New York are ready for shipment via New  
Orleans. Powell has succeeded in disposing of his muskrats.  
Powell has confidence that his robes will reach the market in  
good season. The Company will have a sale on Sept. 28. L.B.C.  
4:9 1947
- Sept. 8 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Barnard, Adams & Co.,  
Boston  
Stone received his robes at St. Louis this season by  
arrangement with Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 4:10 1948
- Sept. 8 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp  
Goods to be imported for the Western Outfit and for

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Pratte, Chouteau & Co. have been ordered. Has difficulties in obtaining fishing supplies for Franchere. Sample goods from Gotts have arrived; are more satisfactory than supplies from Crafts & Stell. Has not received any report of delivery of the government goods. Robes have arrived; will begin distribution. Chouteau reports the last shipment of robes on the way. Prices and terms will be precisely the same as in 1835. Has sold all St. Louis otters to Van Winkle & Randall. Powell has sold his muskrats to Root & Leonard. Chouteau thinks that the robes of both Powell and Sublette will not reach the market this fall but Powell is confident of getting his. Money market is worse instead of better. L.B.C. 4:11-12 1949

Sept. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Annex memorandum of merchandise to be forwarded by Jan. 1837. Are selling many damaged robes. lp. (French) 1950

Sept. 8 -- Lachine -- George Simpson to William A. Aitken  
Details of agreement made in 1833 which has been advantageous in ending heavy expense of opposition. Proposes to extend agreement another three years. Enclosed in no. 1979. lp. 1951

Sept. 8 -- Fond du Lac -- James P. Scott to William A. Aitken  
Has arrived after seven days along the lake. Found fort in state of great neglect. Is getting out material for shingles and barrels. Enclosed in no. 1967. 2p. 1951a

Sept. 9 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
Asks to have part of the robes shipped. lp. 1952

Sept. 9 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)  
Otter sold well at Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Details of prices paid for raccoons at Lampson's sale. Red fox have advanced; mink will sell at very high prices. lp. 1953

Sept. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., N. Orleans  
Robes have arrived in good order. Encloses bills of lading for goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. and to A. P. Chouteau. L.B.C. 4:7 1954

Sept. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Re Jackson's report that part of the government goods were missing. Annexes receipt for the goods to be forwarded to St. Mary's. L.B.C. 4:8 1955

Sept. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Encloses note in payment of account. L.B.C. 4:13 1956

Sept. 10 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Fur sales have turned out much as Lampson expected, except for decline on fine raccoons. Describes varieties of furs and

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Sept. 10 -- Philadelphia -- Cary, Lea & Co. to the Company  
Enclose account sent by Borup who stated that the Company  
would pay it. lp. 1955

Sept. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Request that certain draft be protested. lp. (French) 1959

Sept. 12 -- Mackinac -- Samuel Abbott to Benjamin Clapp  
Government goods for the Indian treaty have arrived. Has  
shipped 500 packs of Western Outfit to Buffalo. Crooks is in  
Mackinac; will go to the Sault, Sept. 13; purchased Biddle &  
Drew's skins. Account of muskrats sold before information  
about keeping them was received from Prairie du Chien. lp. 1960

Sept. 12 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Scathing refusal of the Company's offer for 1835 furs as  
too low. 2p. 1961

Sept. 12 -- Bordeaux -- From Alphonse Loubat  
Has shipped part of the goods ordered; will send the re-  
mainder soon. Goods should arrive in New York by Nov. 15.  
Recommends his house at Havre to the Company. New York agent  
will always be ready to take orders for the Havre firm. lp.  
(French) 1962

Sept. 12 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to A. P. Chouteau, West-  
ern Creek Agency  
Crooks is absent in the interior. Furs have arrived but  
are not examined. Will dispose of funds as Chouteau directs.  
Has forwarded goods via New Orleans. L.B.C. 4:14 1963

Sept. 12 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gabriel Franchere  
Annexes invoice for goods which have been forwarded. Can-  
not procure seine ordered. L.B.C. 4:15 1964

Sept. 12 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Has received report of Lampson's deer skins sales at which  
prices were slightly higher. Re directions from A. P. Chouteau  
about accounts. L.B.C. 4:16 1965

Sept. 4 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Government goods have arrived but no official has claimed  
them. Gives details of goods received and not received. lp. 1966

Sept. 14 -- Fond du Lac -- From William A. Aitken  
Mentions disadvantages of getting into the country late.  
Conditions will make fish returns poor for the season; 30

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barrels of fish put up. Lacks food supplies. lp. Encloses  
no. 1951 a 1967

Sept. 14 -- Mackinac -- To Benjamin Clapp

Re accounts of Crafts & Stell with the Company. Requests that aid in office be secured in order that accounts may go out at the close of the year. Is surprised to hear of the damage to deer skins going to England by the "Gladiator". Skins of Biddle, Drew and others are packed. Crooks is leaving for Lake Superior. 233 packs of Abbott's skins and furs are to be sent off at the first opportunity. Compares returns of 1835 and 1836. 223 packs from the West have arrived; will be sent to Buffalo; buffalo robes to go to Detroit. The government contract goods have arrived. Explains why Robinson's and Chapman's did not arrive with them. Requests Sibley's draft on Smith of New York be honored and charged to suttlng at Fort Snelling. Encloses duplicate of Abbott's letter of Aug. 12. Some of the Western Outfit packs were damaged en route; encloses appraisement. Sends comparative table of furs and skins collected at Mackinac 1835, 1836. 3p. 1968

Sept. 14 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

Sends packing account of furs. lp. 1969

Sept. 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Encloses catalog of the fur sale. Buyers seem well satisfied. Will have beaver sale Sept. 15. Does not expect to sell any of the musquash recently received before January. lp. 1970

Sept. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston

Encloses lost draft which was found in Boston post-office. Re error in bill for robes. L.B.C. 4:17 1971

Sept. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Daniel Knight,  
Portsmouth

Encloses bill of lading for shipment of robes. L.B.C. 4:  
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Sept. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Withington & Wilson,  
Boston

Has shipped robes as requested by Daniel Knight. L.B.C.  
4:19 1973

Sept. 14 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Has no information about the government goods. Has forwarded goods for St. Mary's Outfit, for A. P. Chouteau and for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Lampson's deer skin sale went off exceedingly well. Lampson regrets small supply of raccoons; thinks he could sell 100,000 at good prices. The returns from the north are late in arriving. Robes are being distributed. L.B.C. 4:20 1974

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Sept. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London

Has received marked catalogs of deer skins sales. Will exercise greater caution when shipping skins in warm weather. The result of the sale will be satisfactory to all parties. Packs from the north have not yet arrived. The Company will have its semi-annual sale on Sept. 28; expects to sell all the muskrats. L.B.C. 4:21 1975

Sept. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Has received reports of Lampson's deer skin sales. The results show good effects of selling all the fine skins in one market. Returns from the north are expected soon. L.B.C. 4:22 1976

Sept. 15 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

Encloses drafts. The "Astor" is sailing for Lake Superior. 1p. 1977

Sept. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Will have no rivals on the market this year. Reports from the mountains indicate a deficit in collection. Regret damage to deer skins in shipment from New York to England. Enclose an order for merchandise to be purchased in New York. Re furs shipped. 2p. (French) 1978

Sept. 15 -- Lachine -- From George Simpson

Hudson's Bay Co. is highly pleased with good understanding with the Company. Proposes to extend the three year agreement entered into in 1833. Encloses no. 1951. 2p. 1979

Sept. 16 -- New York -- From John B. Whetten

Has learned thru letter from Jackson that the government goods arrived late. Goods for Robinson and for Chapman have been forwarded. Is pleased that Warren is satisfied with the goods for the Northern Department. All the goods ordered from New York have gone forward except the lines and twines for Warren which are difficult to obtain. Has sold second quality muskrats to Root & Leonard; expects to sell all others at the sale. Regrets that the returns from the north have not arrived. Has sold otters to Van Winkle & Randall. Gives details of the shortage in the supply of robes. Discusses the method of selling the robes. Goods from Gott & Sons have arrived but are not yet examined. L.B.C. 4:23-25 1980

Sept. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to F. R. Stocking,  
Buffalo

Annexes receipt for robes which were shipped Sept. 15. L.B.C. 4:26 1981

Sept. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Ketcham,  
Buffalo

Annexes invoice for robes. Requests note in payment. L.B.C. 4:27 1982

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- Sept. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Elbridge Brown,  
Boston  
Annexes invoice and bill of lading for robes. Entire con-  
signment to Brown will be about 75 packs. L.B.C. 4:28 1983
- Sept. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to B. Homes, Boston  
Encloses bill of lading for robes; will ship the remain-  
der of the order later. Requests note in payment. L.B.C. 4:29  
1984
- Sept. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Josiah Bellows,  
Walpole  
Annexes bill for robes. Will send 30 additional packs  
later. L.B.C. 4:30 1985
- Sept. 17 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Gives details of the prices paid at Rows' sale. This sale  
is largely of speculator's goods so gives no correct impression  
of the market prices. Beaver sold at a decline. Lampson hopes  
to make arrangement with hatters as customers for beaver. Ex-  
pects to have sale of deer skins soon. 2p. 1986
- Sept. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Annexes bill for robes which have been shipped to St.  
John's. L.B.C. 4:31 1987
- Sept. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. C. Pierce, St.  
John's  
Annexes invoice for robes to be forwarded to Vallée, Boyer  
& Co. Freight was agreed upon at \$7 per ton. L.B.C. 4:32 1988
- Sept. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Averill & Prior,  
Hartford  
Annexes bill of lading for robes consigned to Josiah Bel-  
lows. L.B.C. 4:33 1989
- Sept. 19 -- Mackinac -- Samuel Abbott to Benjamin Clapp  
250 Mackinac packs shipped. Advises amount to claim from  
the insurance company. Crooks went to the Sault Sept. 16. 1990
- Sept. 20 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Have not received robes. Re accounts to b. paid. 1p.  
1991
- Sept. 21 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Demand for woollens continues active; do not expect any  
change in price. 1p. 1992

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- Sept. 22 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Gives quality of 150 packs shipped on the 19th. Will have to draw on the Company for contracts due Oct. 1. Crooks left Mackinac for Lake Superior Sept. 14. 1p. 1993
- Sept. 22 -- Venice -- From Alessandro Bertolla  
No ships are in port for the United States. Will ship order at the first opportunity. Requests more information about the Company's correspondents in other cities of Europe. 2p. (French) 1994
- Sept. 22 -- Boston -- B. Homes to John B. Whetten  
Robes have arrived. Encloses note for amount. Considers the Company's prices too high. 2p. 1995
- Sept. 22 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & E. Knower, Albany  
Annexes receipt for 75 packs of robes. L.B.C. 4:34 1996
- Sept. 23 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell  
Details of the method of invoicing blankets. Great advance has taken place in the price of cloths. 1p. 1997
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Re shipment of goods to be forwarded to Franchere. L.B.C. 4:35-36 1998
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for blankets to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Some robes in recent shipment were damaged. L.B.C. 4:37 1999
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Byron Greenough, Portland  
Annexes bill of lading for robes. L.B.C. 4:38 2000
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Has received an account of the sales of deer skins. The returns from the interior have not yet arrived. L.B.C. 4:39 2001
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
The Company is well satisfied that Lampson will manage all sales so as to promote the best interests of the Company. The supply of beaver is small. Mountain beaver will not arrive before November. L.B.C. 4:40 2002
- Sept. 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Requests information on prices of certain grades of buffalo



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and calf robes. Consignment from Mackinac will probably be sold at one sale in Detroit. 1p. 2003

Sept. 24 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Annexes invoice for small consignment of goods. Returns from the north have not arrived. Encloses letter for Warren. L.B.C. 4:41 2004

Sept. 24 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Lyman M. Warren, Fort Ramsay, Lake Superior  
Returns have not arrived. Order for twines has been filled as nearly as possible. Cod lines had to be made. Has forwarded box from Copenhagen for Borup. Semi-annual sale will occur Sept. 28. L.B.C. 4:42 2005

Sept. 24 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Will give attention to the purchase of goods in the United States. Will forward copy of the account of the sales of deer skins received from Lampson. Beaver has arrived; expects it to sell well. Encloses invoice for blankets ordered by Pratte. L.B.C. 4:43 2006

Sept. 24 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler  
Will give attention to the Company's order. Encloses copy of cutting instrument that would probably suit Indians. Annexes a circular announcing changes in the firm. 2p. 2007

Sept. 26 -- Buffalo, New York -- William Ketchum to John B. Whetten  
Received invoice for 300 buffalo robes. Encloses note for the same. 1p. 2008

Sept. 26 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Skins have been received and are a good lot. 1p. 2009

Sept. 27 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to John B. Whetten  
Describes goods received from New York. The schooner has not yet arrived; may ship goods by steamboat to Detroit. 3 lots of furs from St. Mary's and Mackinac have been received in fine condition. 2p. 2010

Sept. 27 -- Boston -- Elijah Trescott, Jr. to the Company  
Requests prices of calf robes. 1p. 2011

Sept. 28 -- Mackinac -- Samuel Abbott to Benjamin Clapp  
Sends order for goods. [Not enclosed]. Indians are leaving; payments are finished. 1p. 2012

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Sept. 28 -- New York -- Benj. Clapp to William Brewster, Detroit

Has been advised that the government goods reached Mackinac. Gives details of the arrangement of the fire insurance policy. Encloses marked catalog of the fur sale just closed. All sold well except muskrats. Suydam, Jackson & Co. request that goods be delivered to Major Whiting. L.B.C. 4:44 2013

Sept. 28 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp to Crooks, Mackinac

Laidlaw from the upper Missouri has sailed for Liverpool. Laidlaw, being dissatisfied with Chouteau's arrangements, sold his interest to Jacob Halsey. Chouteau's administration seems highly unpopular in the interior. Laidlaw wishes Crooks to have again principal direction of affairs in the west. Clapp considers the trade of the far west to be of the greatest value to the Company. Has an order from Chouteau for goods to be purchased in New York. The first delivery of robes is completed. Packs have not yet arrived from the north. Regrets the delay in the delivery of Robinson's and Chapman's goods. Money matters are slightly improved. L.B.C. 4:45-47 2014

Sept. 28 -- New York -- Benj. Clapp to Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Holiday's drafts on Secretary of War have been paid; same is at credit of Northern Department. Received packing accounts. Sends marked catalog of Company's sale. Old muskrats are all cleared, though they sold very low. L.B.C. 4:48 2015

Sept. 28 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Encloses marked catalog of the fur sale. All sold well except muskrats. L.B.C. 4:49 2016

Sept. 28 -- Fort Ramsey -- From Lyman M. Warren

Re skins forwarded. Schooner has just returned with 95 barrels of fish collected at Grand Portage. Northern fisheries are fair. lp. 2016a

Sept. 29 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons to Benjamin Clapp

Re plans for filling the Company's order. lp. 2017

Sept. 29 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson

Is having small sale to induce Rows to have one. Lampson hopes to have entire market for important sale in February. Suggests that only superior skins be sent to London. Furriers are uncommonly busy. Describes skins sold by Rows. 2p. 2018

Sept. 29 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Are glad that reports from the interior are good. lp. 2019

Sept. 30 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Gives details of shipment of fur, castorum, etc., for the account of the Western Outfit, St. Mary's and the Company. lp. 2020

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- Sept. 30 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Gives details of the plan of payment for robes. lp. 2021
- Sept. 30 -- Mackinac -- Samuel Abbott to Benjamin Clapp  
Has shipped 200 packs. lp. 2022
- Sept. 30 -- Liverpool -- Crary, Fletcher & Co. to Benjamin Clapp  
Enclose & copy of account as requested by Clapp. lp. 2023
- Sept. 30 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Ketchum, Buffalo  
Has received his note in payment for robes. L.B.O. 4:50  
2024
- Sept. 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Will give best attention to the Company's business. lp. 2025
- Oct. 1 -- Buffalo -- Barker & Holt to John B. Whetten  
Have received bills of lading for furs shipped from Mackinac. Give details of error in counting furs forwarded to Albany. Goods for St. Mary's have been forwarded to Crooks. 2p. 2026
- Oct. 1 -- Havre -- Tardieu & Loubat to the Company  
Circular announcing the establishment of a commercial house to be devoted to consignment and commission business. lp. 2027
- Oct. 3 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Will go to New York in several weeks. lp. 2028
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to B. Homes, Boston  
Has received note in payment of robes. Will deliver the balance of robes soon. L.B.O. 4:51 2029
- Oct. 4 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses marked catalog of the fur sale at which most articles sold very low. Some packs from the Western Outfit are now arriving. L.B.O. 4:52 2030
- Oct. 4 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gabriel Franchere, St. Mary's  
Peltries have not arrived. Encloses marked catalog of the fur sale at which most articles sold low. Has no news from Crooks since he left Mackinac. L.B.O. 4:53 2031
- Oct. 4 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower to John B. Whetten  
Encloses note to pay for robes. Desires to purchase 200

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bales of robes this season. lp.

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Oct. 4 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau &amp; Co.

Have received invoice for merchandise. Are pleased that the prospects are favorable for deer skins. Have shipped robes. Returns of beaver from the mountains are very limited. Have had no news from Sublette & Co. lp. (French) 2033

Oct. 5 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer &amp; Co. to John B. Whetten

Enclose draft and check to be credited on account. Will need more robes. lp. 2034

Oct. 5 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. Joseph Henry, Boulton Gun Works

Re order for 200 rifles to be delivered in December. Wishes to know the prices of rifles. L.B.C. 4:54 2035

Oct. 5 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Kemble, Present

Annexes memorandum for powder to be ready to forward to Pittsburgh by Jan. 1. Wishes to know if the terms will be the same as usual. L.B.C. 4:55 2036

Oct. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau &amp; Co.

Remit duplicate of merchandise to be ordered from England. Have had to draw drafts on the Company due to the decrease in returns from the mountains. lp. (French) 2037

Oct. 6 -- London -- From Wildes &amp; Co.

Hope the next shipment of rifle flints will be of the right quality. lp. 2038

Oct. 7 -- Boulton -- J. Joseph Henry &amp; Son to the Company

Work in the factory has been suspended due to repairs. Cannot fill the Company's order before Jan. 15. Re advance in the prices of rifles. lp. 2039

Oct. 7 -- New Orleans -- From Merle &amp; Co.

Goods from the Company have been forwarded to St. Louis. lp. 2040

Oct. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes &amp; Co., London

Account of sales of deer skins is correct. Returns from the interior are being received; fine furs will be shipped at once. Details of draft drawn. L.B.C. 4:56 2041

Oct. 8 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Encloses marked catalog of deer skins sales. Thinks Fow's' entire collection is sold. Gives details of qualities of skins and the prices. Beaver sells best toward spring. Sends statement of assortment and valuation of beaver. 2p. 2042

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- Oct. 8 -- St. Louis -- Pierre Chouteau, Jr. To Benjamin Clapp  
Is sending his family to New York. Asks Clapp to aid Sanford (his son-in-law) with funds. lp. (French) 2043
- Oct. 8 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Has received note in payment of robes. Cannot allow claim on 1835 accounts. Is ready to make final delivery of robes. Requests remittance for robes and for muskrats. L.B.C. 4:57-58 2044
- Oct. 8 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Is forwarding the remainder of the robes. Is gratified that former shipments are satisfactory. Re error in the number of packs. L.B.C. 4:59 2045
- Oct. 8 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. C. Pierce, St. John's  
Encloses invoice for robes to be forwarded to Vallée, Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 4:60 2046
- Oct. 10 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower to John B. Whetten  
Gives details of payment of notes. lp. 2047
- Oct. 11 -- Sandy Lake -- From William A. Aitken  
Expects about 300 barrels of fish from Fond du Lac for the fall. Re Holiday's interest. lp. 2048
- Oct. 12 -- Sandy Lake -- From William A. Aitken  
Requests \$1000 to buy land. Warren is returning to La-pointe. Outfit at Otter Tail Lake has been withdrawn. Error in Sibley's accounts. Re trade details. lp. 2049
- Oct. 12 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. St. Louis  
Decrease in the supply of beaver will have little effect on the price in New York as such a small quantity is being used. Encloses copies of account of sales received from London. Has had no letters from Crooks. Will observe instructions in Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s letters. L.B.C. 4:61 2050
- Oct. 12 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses invoice and bill of lading for robes. Requests note in payment. Re error in former bill. L.B.C. 4:62 2051
- Oct. 12 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Encloses invoice and bill of lading for robes. Requests note in payment. L.B.C. 4:63 2052

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Oct. 12 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt, Utica

Annexes bill for robes. Requests note. L.B.C. 4:64 2053

Oct. 12 -- New York -- From Benjamin Clapp

Has received payment for goods furnished to the government at Mackinac. No documents have been forwarded for the Detroit goods. Astor is satisfied with the Company's action in selling muskrats. Has received partial reports of the London fur sale; gives prices received. The prospects may be considered good for furs in the spring. Money is very scarce and worth 2 per cent a month. Great excitement prevails in England about money matters. The distribution of robes is nearly completed. Crooks has been chosen a director in the Merchants' Marine Insurance Co. L.B.C. 4:65 2054

Oct. 12 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Order for goods will receive immediate attention. Peltries are arriving in good order. Has received partial reports of the London fur sales which went off as well as was expected. L.B.C. 4:66 2055

Oct. 12 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to William Brewster, Detroit

Details of drafts. Furs are received in good order. Has received partial accounts of the London fur sales which went off well in general. Details of prices received. The prospects are good. L.B.C. 4:67 2056

Oct. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received copy of sales catalog; with the exception of muskrats, the sales were as good as expected. Re shipment of robes; hope they can be sold for more than the ordinary price. 1p. (French) 2057

Oct. 14 -- Lapointe -- From Hannah Town

Asks permission to have letters from England transmitted through the Company. 1p. 2058

Oct. 14 -- Utica -- Stocking & Hunt to John B. Whetten

Enclose note in payment for robes. 1p. 2059

Oct. 14 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten

Wish more robes. Enclose draft to be credited on account. Wish a copy of account current. 2p. 2060

Oct. 15 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)

Reports from Leipsic are favorable for a good fair. Raccoons and cross and silver fox are selling at a fair profit. 1p. 2061

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Oct. 15 -- Fort Ramsay -- From Lyman M. Warren

Re visit to Sandy Lake and Aitken's condition. Fond du Lac is entirely destitute of provisions. Has ordered Scott to stay at Fond du Lac and Morrison At Sandy Lake. George Bonga has been recalled from Otter Tail Lake. Gives the locations of other clerks. Fall supplies have not arrived; will send a canoe to the Sault. Inventory has not been taken. Gives details of affairs at various posts. 3p. 2062

Oct. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Elbridge Brown, Boston

Has credited Brown with payment made by Haight. Encloses invoice and bill of lading for robes. Requests note in payment or will accept cash at 9 per cent discount. L.B.C. 4:68 2063

Oct. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to B. Homes, Boston

Encloses invoice and bill of lading for robes. Requests note in payment. L.B.C. 4:69 2064

Oct. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. R. Warner, Utica

Annexes bill for robes. Requests note in payment. L.B.C. 4:70 2065

Oct. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Boyd, Boston

Encloses invoice and bill of lading for robes. Requests note in payment of this and former shipment. Will accept cash at 9 per cent discount. L.B.C. 4:71 2066

Oct. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knowler, Albany

Annexes bill for robes. Requests note in payment. L.B.C. 4:72 2067

Oct. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Josiah Bellows, Walpole

Has shipped robes as requested to Gill Wheelock, Boston. Annexes statement of account. Requests note in payment. L.B.C. 4:73 2068

Oct. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gill Wheelock, Boston

Annexes bill of lading for robes to be forwarded to Bellows. L.B.C. 4:74 2069

Oct. 15 -- New York -- Stephen James to T. R. Stocking, Buffalo

Encloses receipt for shipment of robes. Requests note in payment. L.B.C. 4:75 2070

Oct. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London

Has received and distributed usual collection of robes. Returns from the interior are arriving. Will ship fine furs. Has no news from Crooks since he left Mackinac on Sept. 16 but

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- expects him home in November. L.B.C. 4:76 2071
- Oct. 17 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Sends draft on the government for award under the Ottawa  
and Chippewa treaty. lp. 2072
- Oct. 18 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Details of errors in accounts. lp. 2073
- Oct. 18 -- Boston -- James Boyd to John B. Whetten  
Re payment for robes. lp. 2074
- Oct. 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for robes. Will ship blankets as  
soon as they arrive. lp. 2075
- Oct. 18 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Daniel Knight, Ports-  
mouth  
Annexes invoice and bill of lading for robes. Requests  
note in payment or cash at 9 per cent discount. L.B.C. 4:77 2076
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
Re furs and deer skins forwarded. All Detroit returns are  
included in this shipment. Returns of mountain beaver are much  
less than usual. L.B.C. 4:78 2077
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
Leeds  
Has received goods in good condition. Will send order for  
woolens. Encloses order for goods wanted by Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co. as early as possible. L.B.C. 4:79 2078
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Has received particulars of the fur sale from Lampson.  
Encloses invoices and bills of lading for furs and skins. Fur-  
ther shipments will follow at once. L.B.C. 4:80 2079
- Oct. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received invoice for French Blankets. Enclose drafts  
lp. (French) 2080
- Oct. 20 -- Schenectady -- From Parsons & Hard  
Have forwarded furs and skins to New York, as directed by  
Barker & Holt. lp. 2081
- Oct. 21 -- Portsmouth, New Hampshire -- Daniel Knight to John  
B. Whetten  
Encloses note for bill of buffalo robes. lp. 2082
- Oct. 21 -- Fort Winnebago -- From Joseph Rolette  
Will need 12 boatmen and 1 blacksmith from Montreal in the



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spring. Tells of the murder of Paquette. The Winnebagoes refuse to sell north of the Wisconsin and east of the Mississippi Gives plan of buildings and store. 2p. 2083

Oct. 21 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt, Utica

Has received note in payment for robes. Regrets that supply of robes is not sufficient to supply the needs of customers. L.B.C. 4:32 2084

Oct. 21 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Royd, Boston

Has received notes in payment of robes. Cannot supply any more robes this season. L.B.C. 4:33 2085

Oct. 22 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Charles Borup

Has got few rails for Warren. Encloses inventory of the Ance outfit; that of St. Mary's is not ready yet. Holiday's account has been transferred to Sault Ste. Marie. Dickson left a few days ago. Reports on fishing. 2p. 2086

Oct. 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Re arrangements made about musquash. Advises not to send any more musquash as it will be difficult to sell. An immense quantity of nutria is now in England; the use of nutria is likely to supersede the use of musquash. Will endeavor to maintain the prices of deer skins. There is no change in the beaver market. 2p. 2087

Oct. 25 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell

Embarrassment of money matters in England has caused considerable alteration in business operations. Prices have not noticeably declined. Expect shipments for the U.S. to be very light this year. 2p. 2088

Oct. 25 -- Boston -- B. Homes to John B. Whetten

Robes have arrived. Some skins were damaged; asks for discount on them. 1p. 2089

Oct. 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Enclose invoice for peltries and furs forwarded. Powell & Co. have received robes; nothing has been done with them. Powells expect beaver from Santa Fe. 1p. (French) 2090

Oct. 25 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. Joseph Henry & Son, Boulton

Regrets that rifles will not be ready at time required. Considers the advance in price too great; thinks 50 cents increase is quite enough. L.B.C. 4:34 2091

Oct. 26 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole

Has received note in payment for robes. L.B.C. 4:35 2092

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- Oct. 26 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Sends memorandum for part of supplies. Asks to have these supplies early. Gives details of order. The Winnebagoes refuse to sell east of the Mississippi. Mentions the murder of Paquette. Small pox is among the Indians. lp. 2093
- Oct. 26 -- Boulton -- J. Joseph Henry & Son to the Company  
Give prices of different kinds of rifles. Special locks are required for the Company's rifles; this increases the cost. lp. 2094
- Oct. 26 -- Sandy Lake -- From Allan Morrison  
Aitken is leaving Oct. 27 for Mackinac in bad health. Liquor was brought in against Aitken's express orders. Expects Davenport will be frozen in before he can get back to winter quarters. Can give no estimate of the year's returns at the date of writing. 2p. 2095
- Oct. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Daniel Knight, Portsmouth  
Has received note in payment for robes. All notes should be made payable in New York. L.B.O. 4:86 2096
- Oct. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Has received shipments from the lakes in good order. Annexes receipt for goods destined for Mackinac; it is important that these goods be delivered before winter. L.B.O. 4:87 2097
- Oct. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Will forward account current soon. Does not expect to have any more robes. L.B.O. 4:88 2098
- Oct. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Byron Greenough, Portland  
Annexes complete statement of Greenough's account. Requests note in payment of the balance of account. L.B.O. 4:89 2099
- Oct. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Parsons & Hurd, Schenectady  
Has received furs and skins in good order; re difference in weight of packs. L.B.O. 4:90 2100
- Oct. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoice for goods for retail store. Re clothing for Abbott. Clapp will settle private account with Abbott. Shipments of furs and skins have arrived in good order. Has instructed agents to forward goods as fast as possible. L.B.O. 4:91 2101

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Oct. 28 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau

Much merchandise on hand. A merchant in Milwaukee wants to rent Juneau's store. Juneau would keep only provisions for the Indian trade. Part of recent order has not yet been received; George Dousman has written to Buffalo about it. 2p.  
(French) 2102

Oct. 28 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

The Leipsic fair is over; gives details of sales and the prices received. The fur trade is in a healthy state and the prospects generally are very favorable. Lampson has about 20,000 deer skins on hand. Hudson's Bay Co.'s ships have not arrived. 2p. 2103

Oct. 29 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

The "Astor" is in winter quarters at the Sault. Stanard could not stop at the fishing post at Grand Portage. Lawe has been at the Portage waiting for the Indian payments. Paquette was killed by a Winnebago; will have unfavorable effect on the Western Outfit. The balance of the Western Outfit packs are expected at Green Bay on Oct. 26. 1p. 2104

Oct. 29 -- Trieste -- From Alessandro Bertolla

Bertolla has come to Trieste with merchandise. Re bill drawn on Wildes. Requests Crooks to ask B. Pratte to send orders in French. Desires samples of the beads wanted. Gives details of the variation in prices of beads since 1832. Discusses hats and clocks to be forwarded to St. Louis. Has much demand for samples of furs. Details of invoices. 3p.  
(French) 2105

Oct. 29 -- London -- From Wildes &amp; Co.

Enclose accounts of sales of deer and elk skins. Lampson will report favorable results of German fairs and good prospects for spring sales. 1p. 2106

Oct. 30 -- Portsmouth -- Daniel Knight to John B. Whetten

Gives details of payment of note. Two robes were missing in order. 1p. 2107

Oct. 30 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Byron Greenough,  
Portland

Annexes invoice and bill of lading for robes. Requests note in payment. L.B.C. 4:81 2108

Oct. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London

Has forwarded fine furs and deer skins. Will give consideration to Lampson's observations about beaver. Expects Crooks to return soon. L.B.C. 4:92 2109

Oct. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Cutler & Stacey,  
Sheffield

Encloses bill in payment of goods ordered Aug. 31. Hopes

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- that goods will be shipped on time. L.B.C. 4:93 2110
- Oct. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
Leeds  
Re accounts. Hopes order for goods will be filled as  
desired. Crooks is expected home soon. L.B.C. 4:94 2111
- Oct. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Encloses shipping documents for furs and deer skins. Re  
account. Crooks is expected daily. L.B.C. 4:95 2112
- Oct. 31 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Re arrival of Hudson's Bay Co.'s ship and the probable  
contents of the cargo. lp. 2113
- Nov. 1 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Sends order of garden seeds for the local Council of Ad-  
ministration. lp. 2114
- Nov. 1 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Encloses drafts. lp. 2115
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Annexes invoice for robes. Requests note in payment.  
L.B.C. 4:96 2116
- Nov. 3 -- New York -- From William Brewster  
Re private draft on Crooks. lp. 2117
- Nov. 3 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Statement of furs, skins, and buffalo tongues received  
from St. Louis and ready for shipment to New York. lp. 2118
- Nov. 4 -- Prairie du Chien -- From William A. Aitken  
Exonerates himself from the charge of selling liquor.  
Gives optimistic estimate of the expected profits from the  
fisheries. Davenport has gone up. Estimates the fur returns.  
Gives defects of the Lapointe fisheries. Has referred the af-  
fair of Berthkeht and Cadotte to Dodge. Has received over  
\$19,000 from Dousman for land. 6p. 2119
- Nov. 4 -- Venice -- From Alessandro Bertolla  
Annexes a letter to the Chouteaus. Encloses bill of lad-  
ing for goods shipped. Desires the Company to sell his clocks  
for him. Gives details in regard to the invoice. 2p. (French)  
2120
- Nov. 4 -- Venice -- Alessandro Bertolla to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co.  
Has shipped 28 boxes of beads from Trieste for the Chouteau  
firm. Re kinds of beads and the prices. Has sent invoice to  
Crooks. 2p. (French) 2121

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Nov. 4 -- Buffalo -- To Benjamin Clapp

The seine for Franchere has been procured. Will himself unravel the accounts of Wildes & Co. Is glad the order for the woolens was given to Gotts. Fewer robes than were expected have come in from the Missouri and St. Peter's. The Western Outfit dilatory in forwarding returns to Mackinac. Dousman rejected offer for Rolette's skins so all goes by the board. Re London sales. Has Clapp's letter regarding trade on the Missouri to meet Chouteau with. Did not receive Simpson's letter. Outlines route of his journey home. Encloses bank check on John Ward & Co; is to be credited to the Detroit Department. Is bringing money for the account of the same outfit. Requests that Brewster be told that shipments for trade are on Lake Huron. 4p.

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Nov. 5 -- Mackinac -- From Gabriel Franchere

Fall sales were poor. Has purchased a new seine. Sends accounts for season. Made wood contract. Error in order of goods. 3p.

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Nov. 5 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re furs and skins forwarded to New York. 1p.

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Nov. 5 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Will follow instructions about accounts. 1p.

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Nov. 7 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Hudson's Bay Co.'s ship "Prince Rupert" has arrived off Portsmouth without having on board any furs; another vessel is missing. Discusses the probable effect of the non-arrival of furs on prices. 2p.

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Nov. 8 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower to John B. Whetten

Wishes to buy more skins if possible. 1p.

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Nov. 9 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Will examine account of sales. Encloses invoice and bill of lading for shipment of furs. Crooks had reached Buffalo on the 4th and will be in New York soon. L.B.C. 4:97

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Nov. 9 -- Portland -- Byron Greenough to the Company

Annexes note for the balance of his bill. 1p.

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Nov. 9 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Will sell beaver at private sale if high price is offered. Discusses prospects for spring sales. Re skins returned to the New York market. Slight decline has taken place in prices of nutria. 2p.

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Nov. 9 -- Green Bay -- From Rev. John Clark

Encloses check to balance account rendered by Borup for

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- missionary operations in the Lake Superior department. lp. 2131
- Nov. 10 -- New York -- Alphonse Loubat to the Company  
Has received 6 bales of blankets; will deliver them as soon as they have been entered at the custom house. lp. 2132
- Nov. 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)  
Re arrangement for selling shipment of Missouri beaver. Advises that certain skins be sold in New York. Furriers are in need of martins but the prices are not likely to go much higher. lp. 2133
- Nov. 14 -- Riviere au Plene, Wisconsin -- From Jean Baptiste Dubay  
Indians have made poor hunts; due to the high water and the want of food. Journey from the portage was difficult. Trade has suffered on account of the late arrival of goods. Will send to Fort Winnebago for provisions. A lack of salt prevented keeping enough fish to supply the men during the winter. 2p. 2134
- Nov. 14 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Franchere cannot send boats for Northern and St. Mary's goods; they will have to stay at Mackinac. Sent 145 Western Outfit packs to Brewster. Lawe still waits for the payment of the Indians, which was to have taken place on Nov. 4. Expenses for provisions for Lac du Flambeau were \$62. lp. 2135
- Nov. 14 -- Johnstown, New York -- From George M. Haring  
Applies for a position with the Company. lp. 2136
- Nov. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Affairs generally in the interior continue to be managed with prudence and promise to be reasonably prosperous, especially the Lake Superior district where the fishing business is lucrative. L.B.C. 4:98 2137
- Nov. 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Time at which Gott expect to ship goods is satisfactory. Hopes to have reduction in the price of goods. Expects to receive the full advantage of any change that takes place in the wool market. Re goods likely to be ordered soon. L.B.C. 4:99 2138
- Nov. 15 -- Boston -- B. Homes to John B. Whetten  
Annexes check in payment of note. lp. 2139
- Nov. 16 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Sends order for blankets for the store. Gives account of recent charges against the Western Outfit. lp. 2140

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- Nov. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Daniel Knight, Portsmouth  
Has received note in payment of robes. L.B.C. 4:100 2141
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To J. Joseph Henry & Son, Boulton  
Details of order for guns. L.B.C. 4:101 2142
- Nov. 16 -- Detroit -- From Charles W. Whipple  
Re directions about the enclosed draft of Francis Cicotte to be paid to the account of Menard & Valle; 1p. 2143
- Nov. 17 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons to Benjamin Clapp  
Have made arrangements to ship goods to the Company. The markets are favorable for goods used by the Company. 1p. 2144
- Nov. 17 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Send order of buffalo robes for 1837. 1p. 2145
- Nov. 17 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Are assured by the manufacturers that goods will be ready for shipment on time. 1p. 2146
- Nov. 18 -- Boulton -- From J. Joseph Henry & Son  
Contains proposals for filling a certain order of the Company. 1p. 2147
- Nov. 18 -- Fort Ramsay -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Is greatly disappointed not to receive twine, nails, and other materials for boat builders. Urges greater care in the transportation of goods. Folleavoine has opposition from St. Peter's; will visit this post. Re order for English blankets. Describes blankets needed; re inferior quality of some goods received. Hardware is much in demand. Large supply of provisions is necessary; corn, port, and flour are staple articles in the fish trade. Has not sufficient salt. Salt must be shipped in barrels. The prospects for the fishing business are very encouraging; the northern coast promises a rich harvest. Re fish on hand. Urges early delivery of goods. Re plans for a small vessel to transport fish. Needs more coopers. 7p. 2148
- Nov. 18 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to B. Homes, Boston  
Has received check in payment of robes. L.B.C. 4:102 2149
- Nov. 19 -- Venice -- From Alessandro Bertolla  
Discusses mode of payment through brokers. Bertolla suggests new plan of payment. Has been asked to import samples of furs from America. 1p. 2150
- Nov. 19 -- New York -- To Antoine Dupré, La Prairie, Lower Canada  
Crooks has been advised that Dupré wishes to serve as

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employment agent and look after the Company's affairs in Canada or in the lake country. Requests Dupre to come to New York; the Company will pay his expenses. L.B.C. 4:103-104 2151

Nov. 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)  
Hudson's Bay Co.'s office informs Lampson that they have no tidings of the fur ship. Expects to close a sale of a lot of beaver soon. 1p. 2152

Nov. 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Hudson's Bay Co.'s furs have not arrived. Sends statement of the approximate quantity of Hudson's Bay Co.'s furs to be offered for sale in January and March. There is a great deficiency in the supply of beaver. Otters and martins may sell slightly higher. Stagnation in the fur market; no alteration in nutrias. 2p. 2153

Nov. 22 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Will forward grizzly bears. 1p. 2154

Nov. 22 -- Detroit -- From Shubal Conant  
Introduces B. L. Webb, agent of Wisconsin Shot Town Co., who wishes to furnish shot to the Company. 1p. 2155

Nov. 22 -- Boston -- Ellis Gray Loring to the Company  
Re arranging to take certain note for funds due the Company. Asks for directions. 1p. 2156

Nov. 22 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. Joseph Henry & Son, Boulton  
Requests that guns be prepared as rapidly as possible. Regrets that Mr. Henry, Sr. is in ill health. L.B.C. 4:105 2157

Nov. 23 -- Venice -- Alessandro Bertolla to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Discusses payment. Desires samples of furs that sell in European markets. Will guarantee payment for them. Asks that letters to him be in French. 2p. 2158

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Encloses additional order. Requests 20 dozen knives wanted for cleaning fish. The Company has already paid \$250 on account. L.B.C. 4:106 2159

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re additional order to be filled as soon as possible. Re quality of colored blankets wanted. L.B.C. 4:107 2160

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Encloses memorandum for flints, lines and twines. Crooks



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has not yet had time to unravel accounts; will send statement soon. Returns this year aggregate the usual amount except a surplus of muskrats at St. Peter's. The Upper Mississippi and Lake Superior districts are still a considerable distance in advance of civilization but immigration has been rapid in the country of Lake Michigan. Game has disappeared like snow before a summer's sun. The government in 1837 will complete the removal of the Indians to the west of the Mississippi. The Company will confine its trade to the Mississippi and Lake Superior. Fisheries appear to be best permanent resource of Lake Superior. L.B.C. 4:108-110 2161

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

The Company is pleased with the results of Lampson's sales especially of muskrats. Hudson's Bay Co.'s collection of rats is likely to be less than an average crop; Lees may permit rats to decline. The Company will offer collection for sale in February. Gives details of increase in returns of minks, martins, otters, and muskrats; decrease in raccoons, beaver and bears. Business is fair. Progress of civilization will break up all of the Company's trade south of Fox and Wisconsin rivers, worth annually \$25,000; expects to make profit from the Lake Superior fisheries. Is preparing skins and furs for shipment. L.B.C. 4:111-112 2162

Nov. 23 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for bears. 1p. 2163

Nov. 23 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Re arrangements for shipping goods now ready. Lacy & Co. delayed in completing guns. 1p. 2164

Nov. 25 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston

Discusses Hersey's inability to pay notes due the Company. L.B.C. 4:113 2165

Nov. 25 -- New York -- To Ellis Gray Loring, Boston

Approves Loring's action concerning the case of Cornelius Hersey. Whetten will visit Boston in an effort to secure the whole claim. L.B.C. 4:114 2166

Nov. 26 -- Boston -- From John B. Whetten

Has no doubt that the Company's claims against Hersey will be paid at maturity. Gives cause of Hersey's present embarrassment. Money matters are harder in Boston than in New York. Has not found any satisfactory vessels going to St. Croix or St. Thomas. 3p. 2167

Nov. 27 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Franchere's goods have been sent; Northern Outfit goods will spend the winter at Mackinac. Has received \$7000 from

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- Lawe; Rolette's claims suffered from the murder of Paquette. Expense of transportation of Lac du Flambeau 1835 provisions was \$92. lp. 2168
- Nov. 27 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler  
Encloses invoices for goods shipped. Has received draft from Clapp. lp. 2169
- Nov. 27 -- Boston -- From Cornelius Hersey  
Sends order for 500 bales of buffalo robes. lp. 2170
- Nov. 29 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Annex account current [Not annexed] which has not been examined. lp. 2171
- Nov. 29 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons to Benjamin Clapp  
Acknowledge receipt of remittance. lp. 2172
- Nov. 29 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Gives details of beaver sold and the prices received. Advises no additional shipments of beaver at present. No scarcity of beaver is likely until the Columbia river supply is used up. lp. 2173
- Nov. 29 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Sends claim against the Indians and an application to the War Department to recover it. Hunting prospects are poor. 2p. 2174
- Nov. 29 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading from Alessandro Bertolla of shipment to the Company of beads, hats, and watches from Trieste. Valued in Austrian lire. lp. 2175
- Nov. 29 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Have received invoices and bills of lading for furs. Enclose bill of lading received from Bertolla for shipment of beads, hats, watches, etc. from Trieste. lp. 2176
- Nov. 30 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Has received Hersey's draft which will be credited when it is collected. L.B.C. 4:115 2177
- Nov. 30 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Encloses duplicate of recent orders. L.B.C. 4:116 2178
- Nov. 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re shipment of skins and furs. Gives details of quality of deer skins. Wishes beaver to be sold even at a low price. Discusses the sale of Detroit muskrats and otters. L.B.C. 4:117 2179

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- Nov. 30 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Encloses duplicates of recent orders. Expects to make further remittance on account by the next packet. L.B.C. 4:118  
2180
- Nov. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has sent additional orders for goods to Sheffield and Leeds. Encloses bills of exchange to be forwarded to Wildes & Co. Requests list of the most reliable financial concerns. L.B.C. 4:119  
2181
- Nov. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co.  
Discusses method of keeping accounts. Gives details of bills of exchange. Re shipment of deer skins and furs. L.B.C. 4:120-121  
2182
- Nov. 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Describes shipment of certain order except the guns. 1p.  
2183
- Dec. 1 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Encloses second of bills remitted Nov. 30. L.B.C. 4:122  
2184
- Dec. 1 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses Sherman Hall's draft on American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions for acceptance. Bank in New York will not attempt to collect on Boston at present. L.B.C. 4:123  
2185
- Dec. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co. (per Renshaw)  
Enclose packing account for the last shipment of the year. 1p.  
2186
- Dec. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Guilford, Cincinnati  
Encloses draft to be accepted. L.B.C. 4:124  
2187
- Dec. 1 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Have debited the Company's account with Bertolla's draft. 1p.  
2188
- Dec. 3 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Have found account sent to the Company to be very incorrect. Annex corrected account. Have received draft from the Company. 1p.  
2189
- Dec. 3 -- Portland -- Byron Greenough to the Company  
Sends funds by messenger to pay note. 1p.  
2190
- Dec. 3 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have been advised by Gotts that packages are being sent

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- from Leeds for shipment. 1p. 2191
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- To Rev. John Clark, Green Bay  
Acknowledges receipt of draft on missionary society of  
Methodist Episcopal church. Will notify Warren of this remit-  
tance. L.B.C. 4:125 2192
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- To Antoine Dupré, La Prairie  
Annexes copy of letter of Nov. 19 to which Dupré has not  
responded. Desires to know what Dupré will do. L.B.C. 4:126  
2193
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallé, Ste. Genevieve  
Gives details of remittance sent by Cicotte for Francis  
O'Neal of Ste. Genevieve. L.B.C. 4:127 2194
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- To Charles W. Whipple, Detroit  
Has requested Menard & Vallé to make payment to Francis  
O'Neal. L.B.C. 4:128 2195
- Dec. 6 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Re packages not delivered at Milwaukee. Wishes to know if  
the packages reached Buffalo. Requests statement of account.  
Desires description of returns in storage at Buffalo. L.B.C.  
4:129-130 2196
- Dec. 6 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Regrets long delay in notifying the Company of missing  
goods. Juneau may sell goods on best terms possible but pay-  
ment must be assured by June, 1837. L.B.C. 4:131-132 2197
- Dec. 6 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons to Benjamin Claop  
Enclose invoices. Prices of wool do not give way although  
the markets for cloths and blankets are flat. 1p. 2198
- Dec. 6 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Raccoon and deer skins have arrived in bad order. Advises  
the Company not to ship furs on old vessels. Anticipates a  
steady sale of beaver to hatters. Re dates fixed for Hudson's  
Bay Co.'s sales. 2p. 2199
- Dec. 6 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Enclose invoice for goods shipped from Liverpool. 1p.  
2200
- Dec. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Encloses bill of exchange to be forwarded to Wildes & Co.  
L.B.C. 4:134 2201
- Dec. 7 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Encloses order for blankets to be shipped by April 1.

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- Encloses draft to be credited on account. L.B.C. 4:133 2202
- Dec. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Encloses bill of exchange from George Simpson on Hudson's Bay Co. Re accounts. L.B.C. 4:135 2203
- Dec. 7 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Sends memorandum of goods for 1837 trade. lp. 2204
- Dec. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading and note of charges for goods shipped. lp. 2205
- Dec. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have shipped deer skins and furs. Re boat stranded; send shipment on steamboat. lp. (French) will 2206
- Dec. 10 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Have received several shipments of furs. Re difficulties about stowing packs on vessels. Encloses bill of lading for cloth. L.B.C. 4:136 2207
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Is glad that Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s interests are so well protected by the late treaty with the Sacs and Foxes. Skins have arrived in good order. Details of slow sales of the last consignment of robes. Season for selling robes is at an end. Robes should always reach New York by Nov. 1. Has shipped skins suitable for European market. The prospects for beaver are not flattering. No improvement can be expected in muskrats. the Prospects in Europe are good for everything but muskrats and bears. Re shipment of blue cloth via New Orleans. Part of French blankets have arrived. L.B.C. 4:137-140 2208
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- To Samuel Flewelling, Cashier National Bank  
Requests that National Bank will not protest any note of the Company. L.B.C. 4:141 2209
- Dec. 12 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Encloses order sent by Sibley for Fort Snelling goods. Stambaugh has offered to take business on own account. No purchases should be made till this is settled. Fewer rats than the previous year. lp. 2210
- Dec. 12 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Give details of checks and drafts. lp. 2211
- Dec. 12 -- Leeds -- From Crafts & Stell  
Regret that sample cloth sent to the Company was not satisfactory as directions from the Company were followed closely.

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- Ask for sample of goods furnished by rival house. 2p. 2212
- Dec. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Southwark Fire Insurance Co.  
Notice of expiration of the Company's policy. 1p. 2213
- Dec. 12 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Have paid draft drawn on Ermatinger and endorsed by Franchere. Desire a copy of account current. 1p. 2214
- Dec. 13 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Has not protested Hersey's note. Expects remittance soon.  
Requests explanation about notes. L.B.C. 4:142 2215
- Dec. 13 -- New York -- To Auguste P. Chouteau, Western Creek  
Agency  
Has paid notes as requested. Annexes statement of account. L.B.C. 4:143-144 2216
- Dec. 13 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Has received additional order for certain goods. Will follow all directions about orders. Give details of method of packing. 2p. 2217
- Dec. 13 -- Verdigris -- From Auguste P. Chouteau  
Articles shipped by the Company have arrived on Arkansas River within 100 miles of Verdigris. 1p. 2218
- Dec. 13 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Has received only part of the shipment of musquash. Lampson's stock of furs is less than last spring. Wholesale furriers have had good winter business. Winter on the continent has been bad. Does not anticipate much alteration in prices. Deer skin trade is unsatisfactory. Speculator is not selling his skins readily. Is pleased to learn from the Company that business in the interior is in a satisfactory state. Annexes assortment and valuation of raccoons. Lampson has refused to sell furs except for American firms. 3p. 2219
- Dec. 14 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Acknowledges receipt of payment of note. L.B.C. 4:145 2220
- Dec. 14 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has received check in payment of American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions' acceptance. L.B.C. 4:146 2221
- Dec. 14 -- Portland -- Byron Greenough to the Company  
Re funds previously forwarded. Complains about quality of some robes. 1p. 2222
- Dec. 14 -- Boston -- B. Homes to John B. Whetten  
Encloses check in payment of note. Money is very scarce.

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The weather is unfavorable for the sale of furs. 2p. 2223

Dec. 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re order for blankets and woollen cloth to be shipped from  
Liverpool by Mar. 16. L.B.C. 4:147 2224

Dec. 15 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Re order for knives. Encloses bill of exchange on Wildes  
& Co. to be credited on account. Requests copy of account cur-  
rent. L.B.C. 4:148 2225

Dec. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Re meagre reports from the interior. Differences between  
the Chippewas and the Sioux have been adjusted for the present.  
During Crooks's absence Olapp will have charge of the Company's  
affairs. Will have public sale in February. Stock on hand is  
large. Re drafts. L.B.C. 4:149-151 2226

Dec. 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Annexes copy of letter to Wildes & Co. Re Crooks's pro-  
posed journey to the West Indies. Advises that all skins be  
sold at the spring sale. The Company may declare another divi-  
dend in January. Business is fair. Annexes memorandum of furs  
and skins shipped to London. L.B.C. 4:152-153 2227

Dec. 15 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Are pleased with good report of the Company's trade in the  
interior. Will make every endeavor to send goods on time.  
Lacy & Co.'s guns are not ready. Demands for hardware have  
greatly increased. 1p. 2228

Dec. 16 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Discusses probable purchase of guns. L.B.C. 4:154 2229

Dec. 16 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Re errors in Barker & Holt's account. Discusses sum paid  
firm for forwarding government goods to Detroit. Wishes insur-  
ance on any furs detained in storage during the winter. L.B.C.  
4:155-156 2230

Dec. 17 -- Boston -- James Boyd to John B. Whetten  
Encloses check to be credited on account. Regrets error  
in the date of accounts. 1p. 2231

Dec. 17 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Sends accounts, etc. for furs, robes and fish. Gives de-  
tails of goods unsold. Has much money but the banks will not  
give drafts on New York. The shipment came from Green Bay.  
Vessels with Saginaw goods had to turn back. Saginaw chiefs  
are invited to Detroit to make a treaty. Provisions will prob-  
ably be high and scarce. 3p. 2232

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- Dec. 17 -- New York -- To Joseph Blain, Present  
Re directions to have draft accepted by Peter Powell.  
L.B.C. 4:157 2233
- Dec. 17 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
Has credited check on account. Cannot give extension of  
time for the remainder of the note. L.B.C. 4:158 2234
- Dec. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Has no northwest guns. Re probable price of guns. Guns  
if ordered might be shipped direct to New Orleans. 1p. 2235
- Dec. 17 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Annex invoice of goods now on board packet. 1p. 2236
- Dec. 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Encloses invoice of two bales furs received too late to  
send to New York. Re certain accounts. Abbott's note has not  
been paid. Will obey instructions. Gives Detroit salt prices.  
Asks instructions regarding bank recommendations. Payment for  
supplies next season will probably have to be cash or short  
time. Will perhaps do better in flour in the West. Inquires  
if question of building more vessels has been considered.  
Would probably be able to insure stored furs more cheaply him-  
self; needs evaluation. 2p. 2237
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re change in the time when goods will be needed. L.B.C.  
4:159 2238
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To Anton Dupré, La Prairie  
The Company has not received any reply from Dupré. En-  
closes this letter to Vallee, Boyer & Co. Discusses proposed  
terms of payment if Dupré hires workmen for the Company. De-  
sires Dupré to come to New York. L.B.C. 4:160-161 2239
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Requests that letter be delivered to Dupré. The Company  
is very anxious to employ Dupré. If Dupré is not employed the  
Company will have to depend upon Vallee, Boyer & Co. for as-  
sistance. Gives details of the number of workmen needed. En-  
closes copy of engagement contract used by Cottrell. Needs two  
canoes. Re lost chest belonging to cooper. Annexes account.  
L.B.C. 4:162-165 2240
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Has shipped all skins suitable for the London market. En-  
closes bills of exchange to be credited on account. Crooks  
will sail for the West Indies Dec. 21. L.B.C. 4:166 2241



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Dec. 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Re shipment of skins and furs to Wildes & Co. Advises  
 sale of all the Company's shipments at the spring sales. L.B.C.  
 4:167 2242

Dec. 19 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London  
 Regrets his failure to meet Simpson in New York. Is glad  
 that the arrangement between Hudson's Bay Co. and the Company  
 has produced beneficial results. Crooks cannot reply to Simo-  
 son's friendly overture until the matter is presented to other  
 parties interested. Aitken does not possess the right individu-  
 ally to decide positively any arrangement. The sole object of  
 the establishment at old Grand Portage is the prosecution of  
 fisheries. Gotte has positive orders not to interfere in the  
 fur trade. L.B.C. 4:168-169 2243

Dec. 20 -- New York -- To James Boyd, Boston  
 Has received check in payment of note. Did not doubt  
 Boyd's ability and willingness to pay. L.B.C. 4:170 2244

Dec. 20 -- New York -- To George M. Haring, Johnstown, New York  
 Has no position to offer Haring. L.B.C. 4:171 2245

Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
 Has entered order for robes in 1837. L.B.C. 4:172 2246

Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
 Will forward garden seeds as requested. Has collected  
 drafts on Boston. The prospects abroad continue favorable for  
 everything except bears and muskrats. Has shipped all of Sib-  
 ley's peltries to London. Regrets lateness in the receipt of  
 returns. Discusses necessity of early receipt of returns from  
 the lake region. L.B.C. 4:173-174 2247

Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
 Expects to ship goods much earlier than heretofore. In-  
 ferior blankets are due to advance in the price of wool. Dis-  
 cusses need to forward returns earlier. Gives details of terms  
 offered to Rolette and Dousman for robes. Does not approve of  
 Dousman's proposed visit to New York. L.B.C. 4:175-177 2248

Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
 Will send boatmen and blacksmith; will have contracts as  
 directed. The murder of Paquette is a serious loss to the Out-  
 fit. Detention of Winnebago annuity at St. Louis is really  
 shameful; re injurious effect on the Company's business. Re-  
 gret that Indians would not treat with Gov. Dodge. Indians  
 will have to sell in the end and remove west of the Mississippi  
 "It is for their good and our advantage that they sell". Re-  
 turns must be forwarded in good season. Re plans to use the  
 Ohio route. Details of proper time to order goods. L.P.C. 4:  
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Dec. 21 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Crooks was much disappointed in not meeting Brewster. Discusses fishing post at old Grand Portage. Natives report a still greater abundance of fish at Isle Royale. This island is within the American line. Siskawit is very plentiful at Fond du Lac. Discusses Brewster's poor management in forwarding supplies. Re directions for voyages of the Company's schooners. Re Warren's order for provisions. The Company plans to terminate trade at Grand River, Milwaukee and Green Bay. Wishes furs in storage to be insured. Board of Directors have requested that Brewster try to sell the Company's establishment at Mackinac for \$15,000. If not sold the Company will make a hotel of it next season. No liquor of any kind is to be sent to Lapointe. L.B.C. 4:181-186 2250

Dec. 21 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Re items in account. Has ordered blankets from England. Death of Paquette will be a serious loss to the trade at Fort Winnebago. Brewster has been directed to sell the Mackinac property; if not sold the Company will make an hotel of it. Gives directions for carpenter work. Re Crooks's journey to the West Indies. L.B.C. 4:187-189 2251

Dec. 21 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Re drafts of Clark and Hall. Approves Warren's action at Fond du Lac. Gives details of the failure of the vessel containing Warren's goods to reach Lapointe. Re instructions given Brewster about supplies. Advises that fisheries be pushed vigorously. Has ordered boatmen and mechanics from Mackinac. The Company has agreed to pay Davenport's draft due Astor; re debit to be placed in account. Du Bay should be sent earlier in the season to Lac du Flambeau. If Warren has not made contract with Rev. Clark, no goods for his mission will be carried in the Company's vessels. L.B.C. 4:190-193 2252

Dec. 21 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows

Gives details of goods furnished for the Company. lp. 2253

Dec. 21 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Cutler

Encloses invoices for goods. Details of goods in stock. lp. 2254

Dec. 21 -- New Orleans -- From Merle &amp; Co.

Enclose bill of lading for skins forwarded. lp. 2255

Dec. 22 -- La Prairie -- From Antoine Dupre

Re letter from the Company asking to employ Dunré. Is unable to go to New York before January. Considers plan as favorable. lp. (French) 2256

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- Dec. 22 -- Boston -- From Cornelius Hersey  
Gives details of difficulties in raising funds to pay notes,  
lp. 2257.
- Dec. 22 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Will credit remittance on account. lp. 2258
- Dec. 23 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Details of error in freight charges. Willing to adjust  
storage and shipping charges. Enclosed in no. 2742. lp. 2259
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Has received the particulars from Lampson about Hudson's  
Bay Co.'s disappointment. L.B.C. 4:194 2260
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Crary, Fletcher & Co.,  
Liverpool  
Gives details of accounts. Encloses bill of exchange for  
balance. L.B.C. 4:195 2261
- Dec. 23 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Encloses claims against the Indians to be sent to the Com-  
missioner of Indian Affairs. Gives details of decline in the  
Indian trade. Claims should be deducted from the annuity pay-  
ment. Juneau will write to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.  
2p. (French) 2262
- Dec. 23 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have written to B. Gott & Sons and to H. Cutler in regard  
to goods to be shipped. Recommend certain banking houses. 2p.  
2263
- Dec. 23 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading and note of charges for goods shipped  
lp. 2264
- Dec. 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
The "Crooks" is icebound. Application has been made to  
build canal at St. Marie. Has joined the Company in order to  
thwart plans. Suggests that Franchere buy lands that would  
prevent building and that the Company get a charter. 2p. 2265
- Dec. 24 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Indians would not allow the Company to establish a post at  
La Butte Pele. Discusses the prospects for various furs. De-  
scribes trouble between the upper and lower Sioux; Sibley's  
treatment of it; Indian agent is incompetent. Encloses letter  
to Dodge about contemplated treaty with the Sioux. [Not en-  
closed.] Advises Crooks to go to Washington to defeat the ap-  
pointment of Major Taliaferro as commissioner; Gives latter's  
recommendations to the government about Sioux appropriations.

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Sibley advises support of Dodge as commissioner. Dousman is on his way to New York. Sibley asked him to make arrangement with Col. Stambaugh if possible. Blankets sent are too poor for the trade. 3p. 2266

Dec. 27 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Enclose invoices. Low wools are scarce; there is no change in the price of cloths and blankets. lp. 2267

Dec. 28 -- Fort Ramsay -- Lyman Warren to William Brewster  
Articles arrived at St. Mary's too late for fall delivery; caused loss in business; discusses necessity of receiving supplies in season. Gives details of goods to be sent upon opening of the river -- mostly for the new fishing station. Enclosed in no. 2454. lp. 2268

Dec. 29 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Directions about enclosed draft. lp. 2269

Dec. 29 -- Boston -- From Gill & Wheelock  
Re financial transactions. Has forwarded goods at the order of Bellows. lp. 2270

Dec. 29 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Quantity of furs on hand for the spring sales is less than the stock of last year. The sale of American beaver in London is seldom satisfactory. Describes market conditions. 2p. 2271

Dec. 29 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Have received accounts current. Will forward letter to Antoine Dupre. Advise the Company to be careful in employing Dupre. lp. 2272

Dec. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Account of sales is correct. L.B.C. 4:196 2273

Dec. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Crary, Fletcher & Co., Liverpool.  
Encloses second of bill remitted on Dec. 23. L.B.C. 4:198 2274

Dec. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Is pleased at the prospect of goods being forwarded in good season. Crooks will be absent several months. L.B.C. 4:199 2275

Dec. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
Considers the result of the Leipsic fair favorable. The fur market is not active at present. L.B.C. 4:200 2276

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Dec. 31 -- Portland -- Byron Greenough to the Company  
Is unable to obtain a draft on New York at any bank nor  
money that is accepted by New York banks. Asks Company to draw  
on him for the amount of his note. lp. 2277

Dec. 31 -- Washington -- From A. A. Massias  
Encloses receipt of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. for \$2000. Ex-  
pects to visit New York soon. lp. 2278

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Jan. 1 -- Fort Ramsay -- From Charles W. Borup  
Requests that Crooks subscribe for magazines for him.  
Sends personal order for goods. lp. 2279

Jan. 2 -- Washington -- From A. A. Massias  
Has drawn draft on Pratte, Chouteau & Co. for \$150. lp.  
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Jan. 2 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Is not allowed to charge percentage on drafts and hopes  
the Company will not charge the Outfit with it. The prospects  
for furs are very bad as the hunters have had to be withdrawn  
from about Des Moines River because of recent battle between  
Sioux, Sacs and Foxes. 2p. 2281

Jan. 2 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading and note of charges for goods  
shipped. lp. 2282

Jan. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Antoine Dupré, La  
Prairie  
Regrets that Dupré cannot come to New York at once. The  
season is at hand for engaging workmen. L.B.C. 4:201 2283

Jan. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gill & Wheelock,  
Boston  
Gives details of items of accounts. L.B.C. 4:202 2284

Jan. 4 -- Sandy Lake -- From William A. Aitken  
Re murder of Alfred Aitken by an Indian. Has license from  
Dodge who says that Schoolcraft has no right to grant licenses  
after July 2. Indians are starving. William Davenport gave  
ammunition to the Indians for war. lp. 2285

Jan. 4 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Have received remittance and order for blankets. No al-  
teration in prices of cloth and blankets. lp. 2286

Jan. 4 -- House of Representatives, Washington -- From G. W.  
Jones  
Is forwarding a copy of the President's message with the

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- accompanying documents and list of members of Congress to Crooks. Will attend to the matter of payments to the Indians at Lapointe. Committee on Indian affairs will consider all treaties entered into during the summer of 1836 within the bounds of Wisconsin. 2p. 2287
- Jan. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit  
Will send accounts of the Detroit Department soon. Re terms on which banks will collect checks. Goods in storage should be insured. Dousman is expected in New York soon. L.B.C. 4:203 2288
- Jan. 5 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Inquire for draft not acknowledged by the Company. 1p. 2289
- Jan. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re correction in account. Regret that public sale in December was not favorable. Regret loss on robes but prefer that they should be sold. Have taken note of brands of robes in demand in the New York market. 1p. (French) 2290
- Jan. 6 -- St. Louis -- From T. F. Smith  
Re certain note collected by Crooks. 1p. 2291
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Crooks, St. Croix, West Indies  
Hopes to declare dividend in a few days. Papers from the departments except the Western Outfit have been received. Re information received about Dupre. Berthold has advised that beads have been shipped from Venice. L.B.C. 4:204 2292
- Jan. 6 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Are doubtful about the delivery of Lacy & Co.'s guns on time. Manufacturers are delayed due to trouble with workmen. 1p. 2293
- Jan. 7 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Have credited draft on account. L.B.C. 4:206 2294
- Jan. 8 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Loss because of delay in the arrival of goods for store. Indians will receive much cash in the spring. 1p. 2295
- Jan. 9 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to John B. Whetten  
Are unable to procure gloves and mitts. 1p. 2296
- Jan. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
The Company cannot use northwest guns. Gives details of

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- articles wanted by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 4:207 2297
- Jan. 9 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Enclose account of sales of beaver. 1p. 2298
- Jan. 10 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Re enclosed check to be credited on account. 1p. 2299
- Jan. 10 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Visited Mackinac recently. Supplies are low. Poor fall fishery. Error in filling fall order. Describes property at the post relative to the insurance. 3p. 2300
- Jan. 10 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Mary Holiday  
Requests household articles to be sent in the spring with Franchere's goods. 2p. 2301
- Jan. 10 -- Fort Ramsay -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Has urged Brewster to forward supplies early. Wishes to begin fishing on the north side and Isle Royal early in the spring. Supply of salt on hand is very small. Fall fishing was successful; have nearly 800 barrels of fish on hand. Advises having additional small vessel on the lake. Great waste of time, salt and barrels to send fish to the Sault for inspection. Wishes to have himself appointed fish inspector. Re changes in the order of goods. Re sums to be paid Astor on account of the old Company. Encloses Aitken's letters. [Not enclosed.] They are the only information from Fond du Lac. Has decided to see Aitken. Will visit Fond du Lac to advise with Roussain. 4p. 2302
- Jan. 11 -- St. Louis -- August Berthold to Benjamin Clapp  
Has received letter from his uncle Alessandro Bertolla of Venice stating that the Company's order for Indian beads was nearly completed. Bertolla desires directions to ship beads to any American port, as vessels from the Mediterranean are not frequent. 1p. 2303
- Jan. 12 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Encloses checks to be credited on account. 1p. 2304
- Jan. 12 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. Joseph Henry & Son, Boulton  
Wish to know about rifles which should be shipped Jan. 20. L.B.C. 4:209 2305
- Jan. 13 -- Montreal -- Vallee, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Re Dupre's reputation for non-payment. Re cooper's lost trunk. 2p. 2306

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Jan. 13 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gen. Charles H. Gratiot, Washington

Encloses a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and a claim of Solomon Juneau on the Chippewa, Ottawa and Potawatomie Indians. Requests Gratiot to present this claim. Re Crooks's trip to the West Indies. L.B.C. 4:210-211 2307

Jan. 14 -- Boston -- From B. Homes

Encloses check to be credited on note. lp. 2308

Jan. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gabriel Franchere, St. Mary's

Re drafts credited on account. Has received papers of Franchere's Outfit. Vallee, Boyer & Co. have collected draft from Ermatinger. Re error in deciphering order for goods. L.B.C. 4:212-213 2309

Jan. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Crooks, St. Croix, West Indies

Re prospects for spring sale. Describes muskrats sold. Halsey & Co. expect to ship beaver to London. Encloses letters from Rolette and Brewster. Dousman has not arrived. Requisitions from Northern Outfit and from Western Outfit have not been received. Is preparing Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s order. L.B.C. 4:215-216 2310

Jan. 14 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds

Is pleased that market is favorable for filling orders. L.B.C. 4:217 2311

Jan. 15 -- Fort Ramsay -- From Lyman M. Warren

Wishes to invest in additional land; has drawn draft on Brewster to pay for it. lp. 2312

Jan. 16 -- Washington -- Charles H. Gratiot to John B. Whetten

Has received Juneau's claim for supplies furnished to the Chippewas and other Indians; claim has been presented to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Anticipates difficulty in having the claim allowed. lp. 2313

Jan. 16 -- Prairie du Chien -- Joseph Rolette to Benjamin Clapp, President pro tem.

Re delay of packs between Winnebago and Green Bay. It is reported that Hudson's Bay Co.'s goods will stay all winter at York factory. Has had reports of Sioux war against the Sacs and Foxes at St. Peter's. If this is so, it will injure the hunts. lp. 2314

Jan. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 4:218 2315



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- Jan. 17 -- Boulton near Nazareth, Pa. -- James Henry to the Company  
Has succeeded to his father's business. Work has been delayed. Some rifles are ready. 1p. 2316
- Jan. 17 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Money situation is bad. Is leaving for Ohio to buy supplies. Northern Department goods are in storage; Western Outfit skins have been insured. The "Crooks" is icebound. Has given best attention to Clapp's affairs. 2p. 2317
- Jan. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Byron Greenough, Portland  
Details of draft for payment of note. L.B.C. 4:219 2318
- Jan. 18 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Rejoices that the Company's affairs are so prosperous. Encloses marked catalog of Hudson's Bay Co.'s beaver sale. There has been a very slight decline in prices. Reports on the sale of musquash. Annexes statement of the stock of furs for the March sale. Discusses prices. 3p. 2319
- Jan. 19 -- La Prairie -- Antoine Dupré to John B. Whetten  
Re plans to visit New York; has been delayed on account of fever. The best time to engage workmen is in March and April. Desires directions as to what the Company wishes him to do. 2p. (French) 2320
- Jan. 19 -- Leech Lake -- From William T. Boutwell  
Describes capture of the Indian who murdered Alfred Aitken. Aitken refuses to furnish Indians until accomplice is taken. All posts north and west of Sandy Lake have been abandoned. 3p. 2321
- Jan. 19 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Consignment of furs and skins has not yet arrived. Gives details of accounts. Northwest guns will be shipped. 1p. 2322
- Jan. 20 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe  
Tells of difficulties of trade in the impoverished Green Bay country. Long arraignment of duplicity of Rolette and Robert Grignon. Lawe is uncertain about his own plans. Part of the agreement between Rolette and Robert Grignon enclosed. Encloses no. 2324. 8p. 2323
- Rolette and Grignon Agreement, 1837-1840.  
Rolette and associates of Western Outfit agree to furnish merchandise to Grignon for three years. Merchandise is to be charged on 12 months' credit, at 4 per cent on cost at Prairie. Goods are to be sent to Portage at the risk of Grignon. Western Outfit will put house in order and furnish wagon and three

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- pairs of oxen. Profits are to be divided at the end of each year. Grignon is to buy goods only from the Western Outfit. Enclosed in no. 2323. 2324
- Jan. 20 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Encloses receipt from transportation line for bale of duck ordered by Chouteau. L.B.C. 4:220 2325
- Jan. 20 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Has forwarded Juneau's Indian claim to Washington. The Commissioner's reply shows that Juneau has no hope for redress except from the Indians themselves. L.B.C. 4:221 2326
- Jan. 20 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Details of delay in delivering goods for Abbott's retail store. Orders should be sent earlier. L.B.C. 4:222 2327
- Jan. 21 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Encloses marked catalog of Rows' sale. Discusses prices. Will have the sale of deer skins in February. 1p. 2328
- Jan. 21 -- Montreal -- Vallee, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Enclose draft to be collected and credited. 1p. 2329
- Jan. 22 -- Paris -- From Alphonse Loubat  
Only part of order for blankets has been filled. It is difficult to procure ribbons. Has given order for ribbons to a Swiss manufacturer. Expects to leave for New York Apr. 1. Has established in Havre new firm of Tardieu & Loubat. Hopes Crooks will recommend their house to his friends for patronage. 2p. (French) 2330
- Jan. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Crooks, St. Croix, West Indies  
Discusses sale of muskrats and otters. Dousman has brought requisitions for Western Outfit. Re Dousman's story of the delay in shipping packs. Encloses letter from Aitken. L.B.C. 4:225-226 2331
- Jan. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Gives details about enclosed bills of exchange. Business in the United States is now improving. L.B.C. 4:227 2332
- Jan. 23 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Goods shipped from Liverpool have not arrived. Fears that the goods will be late in reaching the interior. L.B.C. 4:231 2333

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Jan. 24 -- Verdigris -- From Auguste P. Chouteau  
Is pleased with the Company's sale of his skins. Merchandise has arrived at Fort Smith but the low water in the river prevents delivery. Re directions about proceeds from the sale of skins and the state of accounts. lp. 2334

Jan. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Furs and skins have arrived in good order. Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 4:232 2335

Jan. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Davenport, Washington  
Encloses check for Davenport as directed by Pierre Chouteau. Gen. Hughes is expected in Washington with a deputation of Sac and Iowa Indians. L.B.C. 4:233 2336

Jan. 25 -- Kaskaskia, Illinois -- From Menard & Vallé  
Re letters from Francois Cicott of Detroit in which funds forwarded would be credited to Menard & Valle for the account of Francois O'Neill. Menard & Valle ask to have that sum credited to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 2337

Jan. 25 -- Hudson's Bay House, London -- From George Simpson  
Discusses mutual good will between the Company and the Hudson's Bay Co. Hopes to make satisfactory agreement with Crooks. 2p. 2338

Jan. 26 -- L'Ance -- From Eustache Roussain  
Is gratified that Crooks arrived safely at the Sault. Stormy weather prevents men from fishing. A small quantity of fish has been procured. Major Cobb has given a license to George Berthkeht to trade with the Indians at L'Ance; Schoolcraft has written that charges against Berthkeht will prevent him from going into the Indian country to trade. Discusses this matter. Has sent corn and salt to Warren. Re furs collected. Has explained authority granted by his own licenses. 4p. (French) 2339

Jan. 26 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Enclose account current. lp. 2340

Jan. 27 -- Bassin, St. Grôix -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Re ambiguity of Vallee, Boyer & Co.'s recommendation of Dupre's character; gives instructions concerning this matter. Is glad the annual papers of the Departments and outfits have been received. Since the arrival of the papers from Prairie du Chien is uncertain, the statement for dividends should be completed without these papers. Expresses gratitude to Clapp and Catlin for their attention to drafts on him. Remarks upon the goods ordered. Re insurance and rates. Gives detailed direc-

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tions regarding other goods to be sent west. Re 66 packs Western Outfit furs in Detroit which should have been in New York last fall. Gives instructions about the public sale in February. The title to the land sold in Mackinac can be completed if the document was sent to Halsey. Discusses the selling of or other arrangements regarding the Company's new establishment at Mackinac. Encloses memorandum of certain articles to be sent with the Company's goods. Requests payment for Samuel Abbott for periodical. Hopes Barker & Holt have answered letters concerning overcharge to Suydam, Jackson & Co. on government goods. Clapp is to be ready to join with Suydam Jackson in any government contract for a year. Requests inquiry be made of Valie & Co. about the chest of the young man held as security. Gives detailed directions about provisions requisitions. 6p.

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Jan. 27 -- Lancaster, Pa. -- From Henry E. Leman

Is aware that the Company no longer buys rifles at Lancaster. Sends statement of kinds of rifles Leman manufactures and the selling terms. Offers to send samples for inspection. 1p.

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Jan. 28 -- Sandy Lake -- From William A. Aitken

Describes his son's murder. Posts must be concentrated.

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Jan. 28 -- Boulton, Pa. -- James Henry to the Company

Has shipped rifles to Perth Amboy to be forwarded by boat. Deep snows prevented earlier shipment. Will deliver the balance of the order in February. 1p.

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Jan. 28 -- Boston -- From B. Homes

Encloses check to pay the balance of his note. 1p.

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Jan. 28 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson

The Russian duty on musquash, raccoon and bear has been much reduced. This will tend to bring orders direct from St. Petersburg. Lynx skins which were formerly prohibited are now admitted at a low duty; otters are still prohibited. Lees have reduced the price of beaver. 2p.

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Jan. 30 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows

Annexes bill for socks which have been shipped. 1p.

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Jan. 30 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Will not conclude agreement with Dupre. Wish Vallée, Boyer & Co. to manage the Company's business in Canada. Gives details of workmen to be hired. Re accountant wanted by Sib-  
ley. L.B.C. 4:234-236

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Jan. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
 Goods have arrived. Will have public sale Feb. 22; expects fair prices for beaver and muskrats. The rate of foreign exchange is advancing. L.B.C. 4:237 2349

Jan. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
 Goods have arrived but are not landed. Will report later about the use of iron hoops instead of ropes for bales. Exchange on England is 110 1/2 but a decline is expected. L.B.C. 4:238 2350

Jan. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Goods have arrived but have not been landed. Is anxious to despatch these goods to the west. L.B.C. 4:239 2351

Jan. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
 Is pleased with the prospect of a good sale. Will not ship any more beaver at present. Will have public sale Feb. 22. The Company will declare a further dividend of 15 per cent. L.B.C. 4:240 2352

Jan. 31 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
 Goods have arrived but are not landed. Will do the best possible with parcel of scalpers. L.B.C. 4:241 2353

Jan. 31 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
 Enclose invoice and bill of lading for guns. lp. 2354

Feb. 1 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
 Have purchased canoes. Wish to know whether clerk is wanted who can write French as well as speak it. 2p. 2355

Feb. 4 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe  
 Sends order of worsted yarn of every color for Lawe's two daughters who need it in their school work. lp. 2356

Feb. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Antoine Dupré, La Prairie  
 Regrets that Dupré could not come to New York. The Company will make other arrangements for the accomplishment of business in Canada. L.B.C. 4:242 2357

Feb. 6 -- Baltimore -- From Gideon B. Smith  
 Wishes to know if the Company will forward money to pay for horse for Lieut. Hooe at Fort Winnebago. lp. 2358

Feb. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
 Encloses bill of exchange to be credited on account. The

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- Company has declared a dividend of 15 per cent. L.B.C. 4:243  
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- Feb. 7 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to B. Homes, Boston  
Has received check in payment of account. The Company  
will have a public sale Feb. 22. L.B.C. 4:244 2360
- Feb. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons.,  
Leeds  
Sends order for additional goods. Thinks ropes are better  
than iron hoops for securing bales of goods. L.B.C. 4:245 2361
- Feb. 9 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Encloses marked catalog of deer skins sale. Decline in  
prices averages about 5 per cent. Speculator has bought less  
heavily. No change has taken place in the fur market. Will  
have to return some poor musquash to New York, as it cannot be  
sold. 2p. 2362
- Feb. 11 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose check and draft to be credited on account. 2p.  
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- Feb. 11 -- Wisconsin -- From Jean Baptiste DuBay  
Indians have starved all fall. Indians at Chippewa River  
were prevented from making good hunts by treaty they had with  
people who are making it null. Describes lack of provisions  
and difficulties of trade. 3p. 2364
- Feb. 11 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallee, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Annexes memorandum of goods to be purchased and forwarded  
to the west. Wishes directions about a certain draft. L.B.C.  
4:246 2365
- Feb. 13 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Mentions sale of deer skins. Fall fishing was generally  
profitable, though poor at spots. Sends order for outfit and  
personal use. Advises building a vessel for the lake there or  
on Lake Erie. 2p. 2366
- Feb. 13 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Give details of protest of certain bill due to banking  
house that has suspended payments. Enclose invoice and pat-  
terns of cloth. Markets continue dull and there has been no  
change in prices. 1p. 2367
- Feb. 13 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe  
Has no definite information about Grignon's affairs. Lawe  
complains bitterly of his treatment by the Company. Criticizes

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Rolette. Asks for some arrangement by which he may get Indian goods. 4p. 2368

Feb. 13 -- Washington -- From W. B. Lewis  
Re payment of claim allowed to Rolette and Bailly under the Sioux treaty of 1837. 1p. 2369

Feb. 13 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Has visited Aitken and aided in handling the murder case. Hunts have been very poor at Fond du Lac, probably due to the unfavorable weather and the scarcity of provisions. Expects to begin spring fishing in March. Hopes the "Astor" will arrive early; re lack of salt. The lack of provisions is serious. 2p. 2370

Feb. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bills of lading for goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. and to Rolette. L.B.C. 4:247 2371

Feb. 15 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Has heard nothing from Brewster about the Company's house at Mackinac. Gives balance for department. Sends certain accounts and memoranda. Rolette's packs will be fewer than in 1836. Orders prints, ribbon, shoes, stockings, tobacco, etc., for store. Re prospects in fish and furs for the various Outfits. Aitken's son was killed by an Indian at Upper Red Cedar Lake. Warren thinks he will ship 1800 barrels of fish in the spring. Encloses deposition about Rolette's brother's Indian claims. [Not enclosed.] 2p. 2372

Feb. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Re bill of exchange drawn. Expects to have a good sale  
Feb. 22. L.B.C. 4:248 2373

Feb. 16 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose check to be credited on account. 1p. 2374

Feb. 16 -- Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Re delay in shipping part of order. Explains about invoice. 1p. 2375

Feb. 16 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading and charges for goods shipped. Part of the order has been delayed. 1p. 2376

Feb. 18 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Crooks, St. Croix, West Indies  
Dupre could not come to New York; The Company has arranged with Vallee, Boyer & Co. to hire workmen in Canada. Goods for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. have been shipped. Second order of Eng-

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lish goods is now in port. Guns have not yet arrived. Is disappointed in the receipt of French blankets. Beads have not arrived. Dousman (who is the greatest grumbler) thinks the goods will reach the interior in time. Details of insurance on the goods. Expects fair prices at the public sale. Has had no news about the Mackinac property. Will give attention to instructions for Brewster about provisions. L.B.O. 4:249-252

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Feb. 20 -- New York -- William Kemble to John B. Whetten  
Encloses bill for powder forwarded to Pittsburgh. lp.

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Feb. 20 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit

Money matters still continue hard as ever. Discusses furnishing of provisions for Northern Outfit and for Abbott. The Company does not furnish supplies for Milwaukee, Grand River and Green Bay Outfits this year. Encloses account between the Company and the Detroit Department. The Company has declared a 15 per cent dividend on 1836 business, making a total dividend of 25 per cent since the commencement of the business. Regrets that the "Crooks" is frozen up. Wishes to know the prospects for selling the property at Mackinac. Warren has complained greatly about the delay in receiving his goods. Annexes memorandum of furs and skins. L.B.O. 4:253-256

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Feb. 21 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson

Will send account of sales soon. Fur catalogs are now out and buyers are busy in their examinations. Business generally in London is exceedingly bad. American houses are in disrepute due to attacks upon them by the Bank of England. Produce has declined rapidly. The beaver market is dull, owing to the state of trade with the hatters. lp.

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Feb. 21 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Have given attention to drafts. Lampson will report on the state of the fur market. lp.

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Feb. 22 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To Benjamin Clapp

Has received letters and enclosures from the office, Clapp and Whetten to the 8th; also balance to the first of last month. Last letter enclosed one for the Secretary of War concerning trade licenses for the coming season. Requests doubloons consigned to Rogers, Bassin, to be sent to Crooks fully insured. The sales made of otters and muskrats are satisfactory. Is glad to hear of the receipt of orders and safe arrival of part of Pratte, Chouteau's. Discusses Dousman's excuses regarding the delay in forwarding packs. Gives instructions concerning Western Outfit affairs. Requests Rolette be compensated for his losses in the Indian trade at Mackinac. Aitken's return



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is essential to the wellbeing of the Fond du Lac Department, as Warren is needed towards the Mississippi. Gives directions regarding the enclosed reply to Brewster's letter of Dec. 24. Clapp is to decide whether to purchase land where the new canal at the Sault is to pass. Rather wishes to have nothing to do with the whole matter. Warren's requisition is to be honored if moderate. No cutting of fisheries supplies is to be made. Gives further instructions. Is sorry to hear of the Indian trouble; hopes the price of rats has not been advanced. Discusses getting a more liberal commissioner than Taliaferro appointed to treat with the Sioux. Gives directions regarding the sending of certain goods. It is expedient not to charge 5 per cent commission on small drafts Sibley has drawn for the account of Stambaugh & Sibley, since the latter is so solicitous. Is disappointed that Clapp had not heard of his arrival since he wrote of it Jan. 11. 4p. 2382

Feb. 22 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Ship canal around the Falls of St. Mary cannot possibly pay a fair dividend upon the capital invested. The purpose of the projectors must be speculative. Lake Superior country is not yet attractive to emigrants. The inhabitants of Sault Ste. Marie have only title of occupancy and not regular deeds. Discusses arrangements about transportation on the lakes. L.B.C. 4:287-290 2383

Feb. 23 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Encloses bill for socks sent to Boston. 1p. 2384

Feb. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Powder has been forwarded by wagon from Brandywine. L.B.C. 4:257 2385

Feb. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Gives directions about forwarding goods to Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 4:258 2386

Feb. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
States qualifications necessary for clerk needed by Sibley. Franchere wants two teamsters. L.B.C. 4:259 2387

Feb. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses marked catalog of public sale, which was not satisfactory. The prospects for muskrats continue unpromising. Re deer skins returned from London. L.B.C. 4:260 2388

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Feb. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gabriel Franchere,  
St. Mary's

Encloses annual papers and marked catalog of fur sale. Was disappointed in the low rates for beaver. Great quantities of nutria in the market hurt the sale of beaver. Suggests that Franchere send his entire order for goods at once. Has directed Vallée, Boyer & Co. to employ workmen for Franchere. L.B.C. 4:261-262

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Feb. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Will give attention to order for goods. Encloses accounts and marked catalog of fur sale. Has sold the balance of beaver at a private sale. Has not received account of the sales in England. L.B.C. 4:263

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Feb. 25 -- Prairie du Chien -- Joseph Rolette to Benjamin Clapp  
Has had discouraging fur report from Sibley and at Prairie du Chien. 1p.

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Feb. 25 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Regrets that goods did not reach Lapointe; will endeavor to avoid such disappointment in the future. Encloses marked catalog of fur sale. Muskrats continue almost unsaleable. The large quantity of nutria skins keeps down the price of beaver. Encloses annual papers of Northern Outfit. Re dividend declared by the Company. L.B.C. 4:264-265

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Feb. 27 -- Boulton -- From James Henry

Has shipped rifles to Elizabethtown; these will be forwarded by steamboat. Asks for Crooks's notes on account. 1p.

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Feb. 27 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson

Re musquash returned to New York. Lees are overstocked with it and admit they will lose money. Stock of bankrupt cutter sold very low. 1p.

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Feb. 27 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Have engaged clerk for the Company; will engage other men later. Re drafts paid. 2p. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous)

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Feb. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Francis Ronaud,  
Pittsburgh

Annexes receipt for goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 4:266

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Feb. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Philadelphia

Details kind of beads to be obtained in New York. L.B.C. 4:267

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- Feb. 28 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Has received goods and forwarded them to the west. L.B.C.  
4:268 2398
- Feb. 28 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co., Liverpool  
The sale on Feb. 22 went off as well as could be expected.  
Expects goods to be forwarded promptly. L.B.C. 4:269 2399
- Feb. 28 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Regrets receiving only incomplete lot of goods. Has found  
a few guns in New York market. More than half the muskrats had  
to be withdrawn at the Company's sale. L.B.C. 4:270 2400
- Feb. 28 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Henry, Boulton  
Gun Works  
Is much disappointed in not receiving rifles. Sends order  
for more rifles of old English pattern. L.B.C. 4:271 2401
- Feb. 28 -- Bassin, St. Croix, West Indies -- To Gabriel  
Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Will be at the Sault as soon after June 1 as possible.  
Gives directions about supplies. Discusses letters received.  
The reports concerning fisheries are very encouraging. Has  
urged Brewster to have all supplies ready for shipment. Hopes  
no delay will occur. Boatmen and mechanics will go to the  
lakes from Montreal; discusses the journey of these men. Ad-  
vises that some expert fishermen from the Sault be sent to Lake  
Superior. Encloses letters for Warren and Aitken. Only one of  
Hudson's Bay Co.'s ships got to England with furs. Bears and  
muskrats still continue a drag on the market. L.B.C. 4:297-302  
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- Feb. 28 -- Bassin, St. Croix, West Indies -- To Lyman M. Warren,  
Lapointe  
Regrets the late arrival of goods from New York; forward-  
ing agents at Buffalo are not prompt. Expects goods from Eng-  
land to arrive early. Re directions given to Brewster about  
transporting supplies. Stanard ought to reach Lapointe with a  
cargo by the end of May. Discusses proposed plan for building  
a boat. Considers Aitken's return to Fond du Lac of much value  
to the Company. Warren should examine the coast of Isle Royale  
with a view of establishing more fishing posts. Warren should  
build as many fishing boats as possible. L.B.C. 4:303-306  
2403
- Feb. 28 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To William A. Aitken, Sandy  
Lake  
Discusses Aitken's journey to see Schoolcraft. Is pleased  
that Gov. Dodge gave Aitken a license. A more satisfactory  
system must be devised for the management of various districts  
of Northern Outfit. Expects fisheries to be profitable.

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Feb. 28 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling

Hopes Sibley can reconcile difficulties among the Sioux about their hunting grounds. Has little doubt of the Major's hostility toward the Company which disqualifies him from judging honestly any claim of the Company in the coming treaty with the Sioux. Crooks is satisfied for Sibley to sell his suttling business to the Colonel. Regrets threatened hostilities between the Sioux and Sacs and Foxes. L.B.C. 4:310-312 2405

Feb. 28 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To Robert M. Eberts, Green Bay  
Re directions about supplying funds for DuBay who has charge of the Company's business on the Wisconsin river above the portage. L.B.C. 4:313 2406

Feb. 28 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Encloses copy of letter of the 22nd. Encloses letters for Eberts, Franchere, Warren, Aitken, and Sibley, copies of which are to be retained in the office. Gives directions for sending copies of these letters to other individuals. Encloses duplicate of his letter of the 22nd for Brewster. 2p. 2407

Mar. 1 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Gives prices paid for furs at Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Furriers seem not to have their usual supply of money. 1p. 2408

Mar. 1 -- Philadelphia -- J. F. A. Sanford to John B. Whetten  
[Part of this letter is missing.] Discusses efforts to collect a certain debt. Will leave Mar. 2 for the glorious west. 1p. 2409

Mar. 1 -- Philadelphia -- John F. A. Sanford to John B. Whetten  
Chouteau has made all purchases he desires on favorable terms. Chouteau wishes letters forwarded. 1p. 2410

Mar. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 4:272 2411

Mar. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Crooks, St. Croix, West Indies  
Re letters and papers being sent to Crooks. Van Winkle & Randall lost nearly all their stock in the fire. Describes sale of skins. Re Lampson's report of the reduction in the Russian tariff rates. Beads ordered from Venice have not arrived. Re arrangements made with a manufacturer from Venice. Guns from Lacy & Co. have arrived. L.B.C. 4:284-285 2412

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- Mar. 2 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)  
Encloses marked catalog of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale and of  
the first part of Lampson's sale. Raccoons are all sold. lp. 2413
- Mar. 2 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Sends order for goods. lp. 2414
- Mar. 2 -- St. Mary's Seminary, Somerset, Ohio -- From Marie  
and Mary Lawe  
Have permission from their father, John Lawe, to order  
some German worsted from the Company. Letter is sent by a  
merchant who can bring the goods with him on his return. lp.  
Encloses no. 2447. 2415
- Mar. 3 -- Boulton -- James Henry to the Company  
Will furnish 40 old English rifles as ordered. lp. 2416
- Mar. 4 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Expects musquash to remain a drug on the market at de-  
clining prices. Lampson's sale has been very good; prices  
average higher than at any sale since Lampson has been in  
London. Discusses prices. Inquiries for deer skins indicate  
that they will be much wanted and will bring full prices. 2p.  
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- Mar. 4 -- Bennington, Vt. -- From Henry Thorn  
Wishes employment as an Indian trader. lp. 2418
- Mar. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Henry, Boulton  
Gun Works  
Has received rifles in good order. Encloses note in pay-  
ment. L.B.C. 4:273 2419
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- To Hon. Benjamin F. Butler, Secretary of  
War, Washington  
Since the separation of Wisconsin Territory from the state  
of Michigan, there is no government agent in the new territory  
who can issue licenses to trade with the Indians. Explains ar-  
rangements made with Cass to dispense with personal application  
of traders. The existing arrangements are of paramount import-  
ance to the Company. Discusses other arrangements that might  
be made. L.B.C. 4:273 1/2, 273 3/4 2420
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Henry, Boulton  
Gun Works  
Regrets that Apr. 20 will be too late for the delivery of  
rifles. Will have them made in New York. L.B.C. 4:274 2421
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Gen. Charles H. Gratiot  
Washington  
Has received letters from Crooks. Encloses Crooks's let-  
ter to the Secretary of War. If the government decides to es-  
tablish an agency on Lake Superior, Lapointe is the best loca-

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tion. The Company desires a copy of the treaty with the Green Bay Indians when ratified. If agency is established on Lake Superior, Clapp recommends John Agnew for the agent. L.B.C. 4: 275 2422

Mar. 6 -- To Benjamin Butler, Secretary of War, Washington  
(Copy of no 2420 which was written by Crooks at St. Croix and sent from the New York office.) 2423

Mar. 7 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re goods forwarded to St. Louis. Will follow instructions about shipments destined for Prairie du Chien. 2p. 2424

Mar. 7 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to St. Louis and to Prairie du Chien. Will send goods for Fort Snelling soon. L.B.C. 4:276 2425

Mar. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Requests Pratte, Chouteau & Co. to furnish Dousman \$3000 for his individual account. L.B.C. 4:277 2426

Mar. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to C. M. Lampson, London  
Is disappointed at the result of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale, especially in muskrats. Otters are in much demand. Has sold returned deer skins at auction. Reports from the interior indicate a deficiency in the collection of muskrats. L.B.C. 4: 278-279 2427

Mar. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Details of accounts. Disappointment in not receiving the northwest guns was serious. Regrets high prices for guns. L.B.C. 4:280 2428

Mar. 8 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Details of errors in Whetten's account with the Department. Has not received requisitions from Abbott and Franchere. Notes remarks about dividends. Requests a copy of balance sheet to ascertain the value of his property. The position of the "Crooks" is unchanged. Statement of cost and earnings of the "Crooks". Offer of Mackinac property declined. Whetten should dispose of muskrats. Will assort deer skins hereafter. 3p. 2429

Mar. 8 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Re change in orders about transporting freight on the lakes. Brewster should arrange for prompt delivery of everything to Warren and Franchere. The Company has heretofore suffered because of the too late arrival of supplies at their destinations. Warren and Aitken have no doubt of the complete

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success of the fisheries. Directions for the purchase of supplies. Re cook and sailors to be procured for Stanard. L.B.O. 4:324-326 2430

Mar. 8 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
 Hopes Lawe can settle his accounts during the summer. Abbott should urge Lawe to arrange his business for a final settlement. Regrets delay in shipping goods from the east. Re accounts for Lac du Flambeau provisions. Discusses directions given Eberts to draw drafts. Explains Aitken's arrangement with Gov. Dodge. The attitude of the Wisconsin governor is important to the Company's interests. Expects profitable return on siskawit fisheries. Should have experienced fishermen at all stations. Abbott may be able to persuade some fishermen to go to Lake Superior. L.B.O. 4:327-329 2431

Mar. 8 -- Washington -- From A. A. Massias  
 Has drawn draft on the Company for \$250. 1p. 2432

Mar. 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Give instructions about enclosed draft. Have not obtained in Washington the amount of claims stipulated in the agreement with the Sacs. Claims must be verified by the governor before payment will be made. Will return to St. Louis. 1p. (French) 2433

Mar. 8 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Marcelles & Martin, Philadelphia  
 Annexes receipt for furs shipped. L.B.O. 4:281 2434

Mar. 8 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Gives details of draft sent to Dousman for collection. Encloses invoices for guns, blankets, beads, and rifles. Expects guns from Lacy & Co. daily. Loubat has advised the Company of shipment of blankets from France. L.B.O. 4:282 2435

Mar. 9 -- Washington -- Charles H. Gratiot to Benjamin Clapp  
 Re letter from Crooks to the Secretary of War about licenses to traders. Sub-agent appointed for Lake Superior region with station at Lapointe. 1p. 2436

Mar. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Philadelphia  
 Details of drafts. Has given Dousman letter of credit on Pratte, Chouteau & Co. for \$3000. L.B.O. 4:283 2437

Mar. 10 -- Baltimore -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
 Encloses draft collectable which has been protested. 1p. 2438

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- Mar. 10 -- London -- Gillespie, Moffat & Co. to the Company  
Circular giving notice of a change in the firm name. 1p.  
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- Mar. 10 -- Baltimore -- From A. A. Massias  
Has drawn draft for \$500. 1p. 2440
- Mar. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts. 1p. (French) 2441
- Mar. 11 -- Baltimore -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Will give attention to letter of credit in favor of Doug-  
man. Re drafts drawn. 1p. (French) 2442
- Mar. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts. 1p. (French) 2443
- Mar. 11 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler  
Encloses invoice for the remainder of order. Has shipped  
scalpers. 1p. 2444
- Mar. 11 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Kerckhauss to Pratte, Chou-  
teau & Co.  
Annex duplicate bill of Feb. 27. Expect a new supply of  
beads, etc. 1p. 2445
- Mar. 11 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Have received additional order from the Company. Enclose  
invoice. There is no alteration in prices; markets are very  
heavy. 1p. 2446
- Mar. 11 -- Philadelphia -- From John Slevin  
Slevin is in Philadelphia and will take any articles  
Crooks will forward for Lawe's daughters. [Note on back:] Not  
time to procure the worsted before the merchant leaves Phila-  
delphia. Enclosed in no. 2415. 1p. 2447
- Mar. 11 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re information from Gotts about goods ready for shipment.  
Outler's goods will also be ready. 1p. 2448
- Mar. 12 -- St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Would like an account current with Stambaugh and Sibley to  
make an early settlement with Col. Stambaugh. 1p. 2449
- Mar. 13 -- Fort Ramsay -- From Charles W. Borup  
Warren has gone to Folleavoine. Details of invoice of  
twines and accounts. Has received part of the twine which will  
be used for nets for Isle Royale. News from Fond du Lac indi-  
cates that the Indians are very turbulent. Aitken seems to  
have taken severe measures since the murder of his son. Deer



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hunts have failed entirely at several posts; very few bears; more rats than last year. From all quarters the Indians complain of starving. Encloses abstracts of accounts current with the Company and with the Detroit Department. Re errors in English invoices. Encloses letter to be forwarded to Copenhagen. 3p. 2450

Mar. 13 -- Ste. Genevieve -- From Menard & Vallé (per Felix Vallé)

Ask to have remittance sent to Cicott credited to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Re shipment of furs via New Orleans to New York. Proceeds are to be credited to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 2451

Mar. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re drafts credited and drafts drawn. 1p. (French) 2452

Mar. 14 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson

Encloses catalog of Rows' sale. Much of Rows stock consisted of old goods in the hands of the speculators. Hatters' trade is in bad condition. Lampson will leave for New York on Mar. 20. 1p. 2453

Mar. 15 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten

Details of expected returns from the fisheries. Discusses question of to whom to apply for the appointment of inspector at Fort Ramsay. Information in Aitken's letter to Warren is unpleasant; is glad that Warren has gone to Fond du Lac to right everything. Details of bad characteristics in Aitken's make-up; wishes to get him out of the country. Schoolcraft has information about the circumstances of the murder of young Aitken at Fond du Lac and will communicate with Washington; details of his story. Provisions in Ohio are high; cash payments are necessary. 2p. Encloses no. 2268. 2454

Mar. 15 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London

Will examine account current. Guns have arrived in port. Encloses bill of exchange to be credited on account. L.B.C. 4: 286 2455

Mar. 15 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

Re payment of certain sum to the sister of a trader who has paid him the equivalent. 2p. 2456

Mar. 17 -- Lac du Flambeau [1] -- From Augustin Garlin [1]

Details of certain accounts against Garlin. Asks Crooks not to pay them. 1p. 2457

Mar. 17 -- War Department, Office Indian Affairs -- C. A. Harris to Charles H. Gratiot

Sub-agent will be stationed at Lapointe to whom applications for licenses to trade with the Indians of the Northwest

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should be addressed. (Northern Outfit Papers 1837.) lp. 2458

Mar. 17 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Discusses the large quantity of muskrats on hand and the further decline in price. Re delays in the transportation of robes. Rivals in the Sioux country should have most persevering opposition. Re requisition to be made for blankets. L.B.O. 4:335-336 2459

Mar. 17 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To Gabriel Franchere, St. Mary's

Discusses the need of ordering all supplies early. Will insure the buildings. Prompt action is necessary in managing the lake business. L.B.O. 4:337-338 2460

Mar. 17 -- Bassin, St. Croix -- To Eustache Roussain, the Ance

Re arrangements made with Holiday. Holiday's fears of unfair treatment were without foundation. Muskrats are unprofitable; may sell some in London. Hopes fishery returns will be good. Twenty men are being sent to Northern Outfit from Montreal. Advises that bay and the neighboring coast be explored for fishing grounds. L.B.O. 4:339-341 2461

Mar. 17 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 2462

Mar. 18 -- Washington -- Charles H. Gratiot to Benjamin Olapp

Encloses letter for Crooks about appointment of an agent and licenses for traders. Gov. Dodge has selected Bushnell to be agent at Lapointe. Agnew's name has been presented for the Sault agency. lp. 2463

Mar. 20 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Re invoice and bill of lading for merchandise. Annex a statement of account of sales. 2p. 2464

Mar. 21 -- Washington -- Charles H. Gratiot to Benjamin Olapp

Requests to forward books that Gratiot expects from France. lp. 2465

Mar. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From A. A. Massias

Will draw draft in Crooks's favor on the Bank of the United States for \$600. Asks for statement of account. lp. 2466

Mar. 21 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten

Are succeeding fairly well in engaging boatmen. Have engaged clerk, baker, and blacksmith; cannot engage coopers under \$240 and tailor under \$320. Wish further directions. 2p. 2467

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- Mar. 21 — New York — John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bills of lading for goods to be forwarded. Hopes goods for Fort Snelling can be sent direct. L.B.C. 4:291 2468
- Mar. 21 — [New York] — John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses memorandum of articles to be sent to Lapointe. Urges promptness in forwarding provisions. The Company thinks the canal matter should await Crooks's return. Wishes to know whether the "Crooks" is likely to be seriously damaged. L.B.C. 4:292-293 2469
- Mar. 22 — Fort Ramsay — From Charles W. Borup  
Has desirable offer from Charles H. Oakes; requests the Company to release him from his contract. Suggests that Livingston might take his place. 2p. 2470
- Mar. 22 — Fort Ramsay — From Lyman M. Warren  
The prospects are favorable for spring hunts. Is satisfied with Franchere's opinion about the building of a new boat. Expects to prosecute the fishing business with vigor; wishes additional 200 barrels of salt. Borup has advantageous offer from Oakes; is reluctant to lose Borup. 3p. 2471
- Mar. 23 — Washington — Charles H. Gratiot to Benjamin Clapp  
Wishes to purchase 5 silvery fox skins. lp. 2472
- Mar. 23 — New York — John B. Whetten to Crooks, St. Croix  
Has forwarded letter to Brewster. Brewster has been urged to have everything at St. Mary's in time. Wishes to send Warren's goods by first boat for Buffalo. Prospects for muskrats are very bad. Has forwarded all goods for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. and for the upper Mississippi. L.B.C. 4:294-295 2473
- Mar. 24 — New Orleans — From John Mager  
Notice of shipment of peltries. lp. (French) 2474
- Mar. 27 — New Orleans — From John Mager  
Has shipped collection of peltries to the Company on order of Menard & Valle. lp. (French) 2475
- Mar. 27 — Sault Ste. Marie — John Agnew to Lowrie & Powell  
Orders wig for Barbeau and dress coat of best cloth and most fashionable color for himself. 2p. 2476
- Mar. 27 — Sault Ste. Marie — From Gabriel Franchere  
Encloses draft. lp. 2477
- Mar. 28 — New York — B. Clapp to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for merchandise to be forwarded to Rolette. L.B.C. 4:296 2478

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- Mar. 25 — Green Bay — James D. Doty to Benjamin Clapp  
Has asked Gov. Dodge to appoint a notary and inspector at Lapointe. Desires the Company to secure a seal for the notary and brands for inspectors. Presumes fish will be only article that inspector will examine at Lapointe. lp. 2479
- Mar. 29 — New York — Benjamin Clapp to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Introduces Joseph Archer who expects to purchase property in St. Louis. L.B.C. 4:314 2479a
- Mar. 30 — Washington — Charles H. Gratiot to Benjamin Clapp  
Re copies of ex-President's last annual message and other documents forwarded to Crooks. Expects John Agnew to be appointed to the sub-agency at the Sault soon. lp. 2480
- Mar. 31 — New York — John B. Whetten to Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Encloses invoice of goods ordered for suttling establishment. Spring sales in England promise to do well. L.B.C. 4:315 2481
- Mar. 31 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for part of French blankets and for the remainder of English guns. Beads from Venice have arrived. L.B.C. 4:316 2482
- Mar. 31 — New York — John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses draft on American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions to be collected. L.B.C. 4:317 2483
- Apr. — — Black Rock — From Wallace & McKay  
Circular — Proposal to organize a joint stock Company with capital of \$25,000 to carry on fisheries in Lake Superior. lp. 2484
- Apr. 1 — Leeds — From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Re invoices. Markets are unusually dull. lp. 2485
- Apr. 1 — New York — John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Discusses workmen being hired by Vallée, Boyer & Co. for the Company. Re ox-hide shoes to be sent to Abbott. Wishes to know the name of the clerk engaged for Sibley and the terms of the contract. L.B.C. 4:318 2486
- Apr. 1 — New York — John B. Whetten to Crooks, St. Croix, West Indies  
Encloses letters from the interior. Re report from Vallée Boyer & Co. about men. The Company will try to send all goods to St. Mary's in time. Money is scarce yet; every article of

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merchandise is high. Encloses letter from Gratiot. Expects Agnew to be appointed sub-agent at the Sault. L.B.C. 4:319-320  
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Apr. 1 — New York — Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re protested bill. Goods are not yet landed. L.B.C. 4:321  
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Apr. 1 — New York — Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Is pleased with results of spring sales. Received report of fur market from Lampson. Company is not implicated in general disorder among business people. L.B.C. 4:322  
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Apr. 1 — New York — Benjamin Clapp to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Goods have arrived. The Company is aloo from all derangement in business and financial affairs. L.B.C. 4:323  
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Apr. 3 — New York — Benjamin Clapp to Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Details of protested note. Desires funds without delay. L.B.C. 4:330  
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Apr. 3 — New York — Benjamin Clapp to Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Wishes Hersey to make payment on note without delay. L.B.C. 4:331  
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Apr. 3 — Philadelphia — From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Expect new supply of beads, trinkets, woolen gloves, etc. Re kinds of beads in stock. Ask for note for amount of account. 1p.  
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Apr. 4 — Detroit — William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Re matter of canal at St. Mary's. The "Crooks" is uninjured; is being refitted; memorandum of articles needed for her. Requests gross measurement of goods when sent. 2p.  
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Apr. 5 — Albany — From William H. Talcott  
Details of purchase of watch for friend at Fond du Lac. 1p.  
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Apr. 6 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received news of the failure of Halsey & Co. Will subject the firm to much embarrassment in consequence of drafts drawn on Halsey. Request assistance of the Company in settling these drafts. Re plans for raising funds. Regret the delay in receiving part of merchandise. 2p.  
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Apr. 7 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. Desire information on affairs in general. Times are very bad. 1p. (French)  
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- Apr. 7 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhauss,  
Philadelphia  
Encloses note in payment of goods. L.B.C. 4:332 2498
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Result of Lampson's fur sale in highly gratifying. Expects  
Lampson's arrival daily. Financial matters continue to be de-  
ranged; no symptoms of permanent relief. L.B.C. 4:333 2499
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
Leeds  
The derangement in money matters continues without abate-  
ment. State of things is truly alarming. L.B.C. 4:334 2500
- Apr. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Glad that trip to St. Louis has  
benefited Mrs. Crooks. lp. 2501
- Apr. 8 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to John B. Whet-  
ten  
Received the Company's note for recent purchases. State-  
ment of account as given in the Company's letter is correct.  
lp. 2502
- Apr. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of deer skins forwarded; re contents of shipment  
and value. Discusses prices paid in New York and England. Re  
funds for Halseys. Have need for French blankets and guns.  
Wish to know about Halsey's situation. 2 p. (French) 2503
- Apr. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co  
Have been advised of the departure of shipment from Yel-  
lowstone. lp. (French) 2504
- Apr. 12 -- West End, St. Croix -- To Benjamin Clapp  
Received duplicate of Whetten's letter of March 13 with  
enclosures; also Clapp's with bill of lading. Draft collect-  
able is to be put to his account. Governor Simpson's letter is  
satisfactory. Asks Clapp to be particularly pleasant to Simp-  
son if he arrived before Crooks's return. Hopes muskrats will  
be gotten rid of even at lower prices, as they will not be  
higher. Received Lampson's catalogs and letters; sorry he  
does not think even Russian duty will revive trade. Saw an ac-  
count of the arrival of the Company's consignment from Trieste.  
Is glad guns have arrived; hopes Loubat's blankets are near  
New Orleans. Is sorry that Pratte, Chouteau will suffer from  
the late arrival of goods. Expects to arrive in New York the  
first week in March. Has heard of the suspension of payment by  
Joseph. 2p. 2505
- Apr. 12 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
The pressure of the times has obliged George Wildes & Co.

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to obtain assistance from the Bank of England and temporarily to contract their engagements. Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. is a distinct firm with ample means and will continue business as usual. 1p. 2506

Apr. 13 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Circular announcing the plan to liquidate business. Severe pressure of the money market has made it impossible to carry on business. Hope to meet all liabilities. 2p. 2507

Apr. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Hopes men have been engaged for Franchere. Re directions about sending men wanted by Michael Dousman. Details of papers to be sent to Franchere. L.B.C. 4:342-344 2508

Apr. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Enclose draft. 1p. (French) 2509

Apr. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia

Details of order for merchandise. L.B.C. 4:345 2510

Apr. 17 -- Western Creek Agency -- From Auguste P. Chouteau

Details of skins and furs shipped to New Orleans to be forwarded to the Company. Re instructions about the proceeds. 2p. 2511

Apr. 17 -- Cincinnati -- From Irwin & Whitemen

On instructions from Wilson P. Hunt of St. Louis have forwarded 8 packs of furs and 10 bales of buffalo robes to the Company. 1p. 2512

Apr. 17 -- Lachine -- George Simpson to the Company

Discusses payments made to Rev. Mr. Jones and John Pritchard of Red River Settlement. Desires instructions about these payments. 1p. 2513

Apr. 18 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to John B. Whetten

Are unable to buy any caps and mitts but have some in New Orleans which can be forwarded up the river. Prices of goods are high. 1p. 2514

Apr. 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Have received bills of lading for goods to be forwarded to St. Louis, Prairie du Chien and Fort Snelling. Re shipping facilities to these posts. Statement of skins and furs forwarded. 2p. 2515

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- Apr. 18 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Coopers are scarce; have engaged one. Have engaged workmen from the country parishes. Re agreement with clerk. Have no confidence in Dupre. 3p 2516
- Apr. 19 -- Boston -- William Stowe to the Company.  
Wishes to send letters and papers to Columbia River region. 1p. 2517
- Apr. 19 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Will have more muskrats than expected. Encloses bill against Lieut. Jesse Price for collection. 2p. 2518
- Apr. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose invoices. Request separate account of sales of this shipment. Details of accounts. 1p. (French) 2519
- Apr. 21 -- Boulton -- James Henry to the Company  
Desires to sell some Northwest guns to the Company. 1p. 2520
- Apr. 21 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re additional skins received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 2521
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit  
Is gratified that the "Crooks" escaped with so little injury and arrived at Detroit. Details of goods to be shipped. L.B.C. 4:346 2522
- Apr. 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Reports from the Leipsic fair show satisfactory sales. Details of varieties of furs in demand and the prices offered. Re the prospects for further sales. Hudson's Bay Co.'s ship has not yet arrived. 2p. 2523
- Apr. 22 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 4:348 2524
- Apr. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Crooks is expected home soon. Details shipment of goods for St. Mary's. Requests special effort to prevent delays. L.B.C. 4:347-347 1/2 2525
- Apr. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Wilson P. Hunt  
Re sale of robes thru Irwin & Whitman of Cincinnati. 1p. 2526



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Apr. 24 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bills of lading for furs and skins. 2p. 2527

Apr. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Henry, Boulton  
Gun Works  
Will not need any more northwest guns during 1837 season.  
Astor has sent case of guns left with the old Company. Best  
English guns cost \$6.50 each. L.B.O. 4:349 2528

Apr. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, De-  
troit  
Re shipment of goods and powder. Barker & Holt will re-  
tain anchor and chain until the arrival of the "Crooks" at  
Buffalo. L.B.O. 4:350 2529

Apr. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffa-  
lo  
Requests prompt handling of goods. Has shipped powder.  
L.B.O. 4:351 2530

Apr. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Joseph Rolette,  
Prairie du Chien  
Encloses invoices for goods. Will forward powder and  
English pattern rifles soon. L.B.O. 4:352 2531

Apr. 25 -- Lancaster, Pa. -- From Henry E. Leman  
Can manufacture rifles at former prices of \$11 each. Can  
send sample for inspection. 1p. 2532

Apr. 25 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Has received packing accounts. Discusses drafts and the  
need for money. Confidence in American houses abroad is en-  
tirely gone. It is impossible to sell any private bills on  
England at any rate. The present state of Halsey's accounts is  
not known. Report of the London fur sale is satisfactory.  
Part of the French blankets were so badly damaged on the voyage  
as to be given over to the underwriters. L.B.O. 4:353-354 2533

Apr. 25 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallee, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Encloses draft to be collected and credited on account.  
L.B.O. 4:355 2534

Apr. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Barker & Holt, Buffa-  
lo  
Annexes receipt for powder to be forwarded to Mackinac.  
Re shipment of iron and steel. L.B.O. 4:356 2535

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- Apr. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Henry E. Leman, Lancaster  
Had ordered rifles before Leman's offer was received.  
L.B.C. 4:357 2536
- Apr. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Agent for the Wisconsin Shot Tower Co. has contracted to furnish a supply of shot, balls, and bar lead required for the Northern Outfit to be delivered at Mackinac. Expects Crooks daily. L.B.C. 4:358 2537
- Apr. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gabriel Franchere, St. Mary's  
Goods for Franchere have been shipped. Encloses invoices.  
L.B.C. 4:359-360 2538
- Apr. 29 -- New York -- Benjamin Clapp to Wildes & Co., London  
Account of sales is being examined. Re draft drawn.  
L.B.C. 4:361 2539
- Apr. 30 -- Philadelphia -- Carey, Lea & Co. to the Company  
Request remittance for subscription due on the Medical Journal for Borup. lp. 2540
- May 1 -- Boston -- From Henry Hill (Treasurer of the American Board Commissioners of Foreign Missions)  
Sends bill of lading of 12 packages forwarded at the request of Mr. Hall of Lapointe. Hopes the packages will be sent forward with the Company's supplies. lp. 2541
- May 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of deer skins. Chouteau has left for New York. Distress in the money market has just commenced. lp. 2542
- May 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Peter Powell, Philadelphia  
Called at the Astor House but did not find Powell. Encloses drafts. L.B.C. 4:362 2543
- May 2 -- Philadelphia -- Peter Powell to John B. Whetten  
Re drafts received. lp. 2544
- May 2 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Re goods to be forwarded to Mackinac. L.B.C. 4:363 2545
- May 3 -- Helena -- Benjamin L. Webb to John B. Whetten  
Order for shot has been received. Will deliver shot in June; ice prevents lake transportation in early spring. lp. 2546

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- May 4 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Details of furs, skins and robes received from St. Louis.  
lp. 2547
- May 4 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs. lp. 2548
- May 4 -- New York -- To George Simpson, Lachine, Canada  
Will give attention to the subject of Simpson's previous  
communication. Has not yet been authorized to pay money to  
Simpson for Rev. Jones and for Mr. Pritchard. L.B.C. 4:364  
2549
- May 4 -- New York -- To Carey, Lea & Co., Philadelphia  
Re payment of subscription for American Medical Journal  
for Borup. L.B.C. 4:365 2550
- May 4 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Urges the greatest care in drawing the least amount of  
drafts possible. No person but those on the spot can form any  
idea of the times in New York. Thinks Brewster will have lit-  
tle opposition in buying skins at Detroit. Lampson who is in  
New York does not expect furs and skins to be depressed in Eu-  
rope like other goods. Purchases should be made only at very  
moderate rates. L.B.C. 4:366-368 2551
- May 5 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Details of draft on the Company. The "Crooks" prevented  
from sailing by ice in St. Claire. Times are most disturbing.  
Banks cannot cash sight drafts on New York. lp. 2552
- May 5 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Remittance on Wildes & Co. has been regularly accepted.  
Prices of blankets have declined 7 1/2 per cent. Will inform  
the Company of changes in prices. lp. 2553
- May 6 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoice for Abbott's private order. L.B.C. 4:369  
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- May 6 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoice of goods for Northern Outfit. Has  
filled orders carefully. Has directed agents at Buffalo to for-  
ward all goods promptly. Commercial confidence is completely  
prostrated and little short of general bankruptcy can be expec-  
ted. Directions to agents about funds. Wishes all skins for-  
warded without delay. Hard times will affect the value of skins.  
L.B.C. 4:370-372 2555
- May 6 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
The Company does not wish any further arrangements with

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Dupré. Times are bad. Requests Vallée, Boyer & Co. to wait for payment of account. L.B.C. 4:373 2556

May 6 -- New York -- To Rix Robinson, Grand River

The present state of commercial distress exceeds anything of the kind ever experienced. Requests Robinson not to draw on the Company for funds due him; the Company will pay him interest. The Company would like to borrow money from Robinson. Skins should be sent to market as early as possible. L.B.C. 4:374-375 2557

May 6 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for robes and deer skins. lp. 2558

May 8 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Prices are unsettled. Has bought most of provisions; cash was necessary. Has no funds and furs are coming in. Suggestions for borrowing. Bank notes are presented as soon as issued. Has no person to recommend to supervise the western concerns. Everything for the Sault and for Lake Superior is on an ice-bound brig; arrangements for transferring her cargo. 3p. 2559

May 8 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds

Details of accounts. Goods are being landed. Re remittances and financial derangement. L.B.C. 4:377 2560

May 8 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield

Goods have arrived. Re accounts. L.B.C. 4:378 2561

May 9 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Encloses Gratiot's check to be collected. Financial matters do not improve. Re accounts. L.B.C. 4:379 2562

May 9 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchère, Sault Ste. Marie

Encloses invoice. Commercial distress is very bad. No drafts should be drawn if it is possible to avoid it. All furs and fish should be forwarded at once. L.B.C. 4:380 2563

May 9 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Domestic goods have been forwarded to Buffalo. English goods are in port. Details of accounts. Has bill of lading from American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions for packages to be forwarded to Hall. Re commercial distress and the need to avoid drawing on the Company. Gov. Dodge will probably appoint Warren inspector of fish and notary public. L.B.C. 4:381-383 2564

May 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Samuel Bispham

Has forwarded packages received from Pittsburgh. Re the transportation charges. lp. 2565

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- May 9 -- Buffalo -- Holt, Palmer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Are unable to secure a vessel to take goods to St. Mary's.  
Expect lake to be clear of ice soon. lp. 2566
- May 9 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Re accounts. Commercial difficulties exceed belief. Wish-  
es returns to be sent early. L.B.O. 4:385 2567
- May 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, De-  
troit  
Encloses invoices for goods shipped to St. Mary's and La-  
pointe. Will forward English goods for Northern Outfit soon.  
L.B.O. 4:384 2568
- May 10 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Details of financial arrangements. 2p. 2569
- May 10 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Details of skins shipped for A. P. Chouteau. Re in-  
structions about insurance. lp. 2570
- May 10 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for A. P. Chouteau's furs. Re  
repacking of this shipment. lp. 2571
- May 10 -- St. Louis -- From T. F. Smith  
Re private financial matters. lp. 2572
- May 10 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to Whetten  
Enclose accounts current. Workmen for the upper lakes  
have departed. Party consisted of 33 boatmen, 2 coopers, 1  
foreman, 1 baker, and 1 tailor. Re difficulties in engaging  
men. 2p. 2573
- May 11 -- Philadelphia -- Samuel C. Stambaugh to Pratte, Chou-  
teau & Co.  
When Stambaugh left Fort Snelling in 1836 Sibley said  
Stambaugh would not need to be present at the post in the spring  
to take inventory. Re financial arrangements. 2p. 2574
- May 12 -- New York -- To Samuel C. Stambaugh, Philadelphia  
The Company cannot give Stambaugh an advance of \$1000.  
L.B.O. 4:386 2575
- May 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of furs and skins. Times are exceedingly  
tight. Have received French blankets and find them very super-  
ior quality but too narrow. 2p. 2576
- May 13 -- Mackinac -- Samuel Abbott to John B. Whetten  
Received accounts. Regrets fur sale was not more success-  
ful. lp. 2577

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- May 13 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Requests payment of note. L.B.C. 4:387 2578
- May 13 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Is pleased that firm has provided  
men and goods wanted for the lake region. L.B.C. 4:388 2579
- May 13 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Details of men sent by Vallee, Boyer & Co. to the upper  
lakes. Re points of distribution of these workmen. Urges that  
12 boatmen be sent to Rolette. L.B.C. 4:389-390 2580
- May 13 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Results of the Leipsic fair were not so advantageous to  
English exporters as had been anticipated, due largely to re-  
ports reaching Leipsic of the disastrous state of affairs in  
America. Expects a decline in prices. Details of Hudson's Bay  
Co.'s importation from the Columbia river. 3p. 2581
- May 13 -- Pittsburgh -- Joseph Throckmorton to P. Chouteau, Jr.  
It is impossible to get funds. Banks refuse to discount  
drafts. Credit is out of the question. 2p. 2582
- May 15 -- New York -- To James D. Doty, Green Bay  
Is grateful for the prompt appointment of Warren as in-  
spector of fish and notary public at Lapointe. L.B.C. 4:391 2583
- May 15 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Details of bill of exchange on Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re accounts. L.B.C. 4:392 2584
- May 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Goods are in port. Had hoped for lower prices. Bank of  
England has assumed the liabilities of Wildes & Co. Details of  
account. L.B.C. 4:393-394 2585
- May 15 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Part of the goods has been landed in excellent order.  
L.B.C. 4:395 2586
- May 15 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Details of skins forwarded for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 2587
- May 15 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for deer skins. 1p. 2588
- May 16 -- Boston -- From Cornelius Hersey  
Cannot meet any note at maturity. It is impossible to  
raise money. Has resources but they are totally unavailable.  
1p. 2589

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May 17 -- New York -- To Levi Turner, Cooperstown, New York  
Wishes to know about the payment of draft. L.B.C. 4:396  
2590

May 17 -- Dayton -- From David Stone  
Wishes to know if the Company will take his collection of  
skins. Details of the kinds of skins, the region in which they  
were secured and the prices desired. 1p. 2591

May 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Many furs are coming from southern Ohio. Hopes the Com-  
pany's affairs will not be embarrassed in the crisis. Details  
of arrangements with the banks. Requests that Clapp come in  
time to settle with the Williams brothers. 2p. 2592

May 18 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Details of goods to be forwarded to Lapointe, St. Mary's,  
Mackinac, and Green Bay. Re directions for transportation.  
Requests that powder be sent direct to destination. L.B.C. 4:  
397-398 2593

May 19 -- New York -- To Henry Hill, Boston  
Has received packages in good order and forwarded them to  
Rev. Hall, Lapointe. L.B.C. 4:399 2594

May 19 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Details of boxes, and trunks to be forwarded to St. Louis.  
Requests account with John Stevenson, New Orleans. L.B.C. 4:  
400 2595

May 19 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Discusses damage to deer skins due to careless stowing.  
Merle & Co. may offer extra freight in order to have skins pro-  
perly shipped. Will obtain insurance on A. P. Chouteau's  
skins. Encloses bills of lading for goods to be forwarded to  
St. Louis. L.B.C. 4:401-402 2596

May 20 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Encloses sales account of Western Outfit robes. Details  
of shipments by a certain vessel. Summary of what was received  
from Western Outfit last fall. No furs are coming in. Specie  
payments have stopped. Asks about standing of certain firms.  
1p. 2597

May 20 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses invoice for packing press shipped via New Orleans.  
Powder for Green Bay has been shipped. Hopes to forward the  
rifles soon. Re account of sales. The prospects for the sales  
are dull. Commercial distress is very serious. Urges that re-  
turns be forwarded at once. Outfit must practice the strictest  
economy. No drafts should be drawn on the Company; any money

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obtained from the Indians or from suttlng should be sent to St. Louis. Stambaugh should have only his share of the actual gains. London agents do not expect the prices of furs to fall much. Cannot tell when business will revive in New York. Re workmen sent from Montreal. Expects treaty will be made with the Indians during the summer. L.B.C. 4:421-426 2598

May 20 -- New York -- To John Mager, New Orleans  
Has obtained insurance on Menard & Valle's skins and furs.  
L.B.C. 4:403 2599

May 20 -- New York -- To Auguste P. Chouteau, Western Creek Agency  
Has received peltries forwarded by Merle & Co. Encloses copy of account. L.B.C. 4:404 2600

May 20 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallé, Ste. Genevieve  
Re error in the amount of insurance due to error in invoices. Re difficulty in making safe sales. Annexes memorandum of sales made for account of Menard & Valle: L.B.C. 4:405-406 2601

May 20 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Regrets Hersey's inability to pay his note. Hopes to receive payment soon. The Company has full share of troubles in money matters. L.B.C. 4:407 2602

May 20 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole  
Re arrangements for the settlement of accounts. L.B.C. 4:408 2603

May 22 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of enclosed draft to be collected by Chouteau at St. Louis. L.B.C. 4:409 2604

May 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Delay of the government in paying annuities to the Indians compels Pratte, Chouteau & Co. to draw on the Company. Fear many financial failures soon. Re shipment of furs and skins via New Orleans. The remainder of shipments will be sent via the Ohio. 1p. 2605

May 23 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Encloses second of Pickersgill's bill of exchange on Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. L.B.C. 4:411 2606

May 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Details of deer skins ready to ship to London. Re additional deer skins expected from St. Louis. L.B.C. 4:412 2607

May 23 -- New York -- to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has noted that the firm is distinct and independent from



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the firm of George Wildes & Co. The Company has arranged with W. C. Pickersgill and C. M. Lampson for advances on shipments of skins. Re accounts. L.B.C. 4:413 2608

May 23 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
 Regrets that Wildes & Co. have been compelled to liquidate their business. L.B.C. 4:414 2609

May 24 -- New York -- To David Stone, Dayton  
 The Company cannot take Stone's collection of peltries, as the times are too critical to warrant an increase of liabilities L.B.C. 4:415 2610

May 24 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
 Enclose bill of lading for furs and skins. 1p. 2611

May 24 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
 Enclose bill of lading for furs and skins. 1p. 2612

May 24 -- Fort Coulonge -- From John Severight  
 Has furnished supplies to the Company's employees to enable them to continue their voyage. Will forward account to Vallee, Boyer & Co. 1p. 2613

May 24 -- Fort Coulonge -- William H. Forbes to Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
 Details of wreck of canoes, loss of men, supplies, etc. in the trip to the upper lakes. 2p. Enclosed in no. 2755. 2614

May 25 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
 Received Crooks's letter from Bassin. Men he has tried to hire for fishing will not give answer until the treaty money is paid. Lawe writes that Green Bay Outfit returns will be poor. It is reported that 4000 barrels of fish will be sent from Lake Superior. Hopes to have alterations in houses soon completed. Disturbed by Crooks's account of the bad conditions in letter of May 5. King is too busy to help him; has discharged Le Pire. Accounts current from New York do not agree with his books. 3p. 2615

May 25 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
 Has shipped northern furs that were in Detroit over the winter. Certain invoices sent by Ashman. Hurbut's [?] goods have arrived. Details of prices paid by Newberry. Times are bad. Gives prices of flour. 1p. 2616

May 25 -- New York -- To Major Aeneas Mackay, Philadelphia  
 Desires collection of account due sutlers at Fort Snelling. from Lieut. Price. L.B.C. 4:416 2617

May 25 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
 Details of accounts. Discusses rates of exchange on London

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and the risk in taking bills of exchange. Fears Sibley's account with Lieut. Price is worthless. Times are not improving. Urges that all returns be forwarded as fast as possible. Workmen have been sent from Montreal. L.B.C. 4:417-418 2618

May 25 -- New York -- To William Talcott, Albany  
 Advises that watch for Ely be forwarded to the Company's office. L.B.C. 4:419 2619

May 25 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co.  
 Details of shipping arrangements. Rev. Hall's goods have not arrived. Ask instructions about charging lake freight in account to the Company. Re late opening of navigation on Lake Huron. Statement of furs forwarded. Financial conditions compel them to ask prompt payment. 2p. 2620

May 26 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
 Times have not improved. Nothing short of tangible security can be made available. Confidence among commercial men is destroyed. Urges that peltries be shipped as soon as possible. L.B.C. 4:420 2621

May 26 -- New York -- To D. Brown, St. Louis  
 Details of insurance on Brown's property which has been shipped to St. Louis. L.B.C. 4:427 2622

May 26 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
 Encloses invoice for parcel of English goods. Rates of transportation to Lake Erie are the same as in 1836. Brewster will furnish provisions in time. Details of men sent from Montreal. Packages for Rev. Hall have been forwarded. L.B.C. 4:428-429 2623

May 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Aeneas Mackay  
 Will endeavor to collect from Lieut. Price demands of the Company against him. 1p. (Western Outfit Papers) 2624

May 27 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
 Re commercial difficulties of the time. Advises Abbott to lower his prices on goods and sell to both whites and Indians. An assistant is to be sent to Abbott. Crooks cannot leave New York at present; advises Abbott to be prepared to attend the Menominee payments at Green Bay. Abbott should arrange with Laws and his friends to pay the Company; should make final settlement with them. All Rolette's powder has been forwarded to Abbott. Encloses invoice of blankets for the Northern Department. Annexes copy of account of sales. L.B.C. 4:430-432 2625

May 27 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
 Crooks is uncertain of the time of departure for the lakes.

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Green Bay affairs require immediate attention. Crooks has engaged Geo. R. Henderson to go to Mackinac and give Abbott all the assistance possible. The Company will pay all Henderson's expenses. Henderson is familiar with the Company's books. Abbott may pay same prices for skins as in 1836. The chief object is to close the account with Lawe and his friends regardless of prices. Advises that Livingston be sent to Lapointe. Wants all returns at the earliest date possible. L.B.C. 4:433-435 2626

May 27 -- New York -- To George R. Henderson, Present  
Has advised Abbott that Henderson will go to Mackinac. Re terms of the agreement with Henderson. L.B.C. 4:436 2627

May 27 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Will send copies of all invoices, account of sales, etc. Re directions about accounts. All supplies for Lapointe have been forwarded. Wisconsin Shot Tower Co. will furnish lead, shot and balls. Henderson will depart at once for Mackinac. L.B.C. 4:437-439 2628

May 27 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Re shipment of goods to be forwarded to St. Mary's. The bearer of this letter, Geo. R. Henderson, is going to Mackinac. L.B.C. 4:440 2629

May 27 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Encloses invoice for northwest guns and an abstract of account with St. Mary's Outfit. Encloses lottery ticket for Agnew. L.B.C. 4:441 2630

May 27 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Will try to arrange about funds. Henderson will go to Mackinac to assist Abbott. Crooks may not be able to go to the lakes in 1837. L.B.C. 4:442 2631

May 27 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Details of furs forwarded for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 2632

May 27 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for deer skins. 1p. 2633

May 27 -- Pittsburgh -- Joseph Throckmorton to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Has drawn drafts to settle accounts. Will leave Pittsburgh May 28. 1p. 2634

May 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Aeneas Mackay  
Cannot find the name of Lieut. Price in the army registers. Describes his efforts to locate the proper person. 1p. 2635  
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May 28 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

One box of goods is missing. Has little money on hand, as cash was sent away. Has told Robinson he must not press the Company for money. Lawe complains that the Company's traders encroach on his territory. Crooks ought soon to investigate affairs at Green Bay and Milwaukee. Franchere's pickerel fishing has been successful. Declines to classify furs at Mackinac. Gov. Simpson is at the Sault. 2p. 2636

May 28 -- Mackinac -- Samuel Abbott to John B. Whetten  
Shot has not arrived. 1p. 2637

May 28 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Has received invoice of goods shipped. 1p. 2638

May 29 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son

Details of financial arrangements. 1p. 2639

May 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re shipment of skins and furs. Doubt if Indians will receive their annuities from the government as the disbursing officers will not take anything but specie and the deposit bank has refused to pay anything except current bank paper. Firm will try to adjust the matter. 1p. 2641

May 30 -- New York -- To Major A. A. Massias, Charleston, S.C.

Re drafts drawn by Massias on the receipt furnished by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 4:443 2642

May 30 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

Failure of the pickerel fishery. Reports on the progress of the ships of Hudson's Bay Co. up the lake. Some fish were shipped uninspected through the negligence of the fish inspector. Sends order for goods. 3p. 2643

May 30 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons

Commercial relations between the United States and England are so embarrassed as to cause alarm. Little business is being done; are uncertain whom to trust. The Company may make remittance when confidence is restored. 1p. 2644

May 31 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Regrets that Bates had to draw on the Company for \$2500. Expects to receive funds from Bates & Company; the Company has not a dollar to spare. L.B.C. 4:444 2645

May 31 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London

Has returned twine which was wholly unsuitable for the Company's use. L.B.C. 4:445-447 2646

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- May 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re invoice for shipments of deer skins which are to go to  
Lampson and draft for advance on these skins. L.B.C. 4:448-449  
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- May 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses duplicates of invoice of deer skins shipped to  
Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. Advises the sale of the skins as  
early as possible consistent with the Company's interests. De-  
tails of the quantity of deer skins on hand. L.B.C. 4:450-451  
2648
- May 31 -- Buffalo -- From George R. Henderson  
Re prospects for journey to the upper lakes. Has received  
memorandum of shipments made by Holt & Co. Annexes copy of  
this memorandum. 2p. 2649
- May 31 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Encloses draft and invoice of furs collected to date. 1p.  
2650
- May 31 -- St. Louis -- From Wilson P. Hunt  
Details of drafts drawn on the Halseys. 2p. 2651
- May 31 -- St. Louis -- Powell, Lamont & Co. to Peter Powell  
Request Peter Powell to return at once the draft of March  
3, drawn on John O. Halsey & Co. 1p. Enclosed in no. 2655.  
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- May 31 -- St. Louis -- Van Phil & McGill to Siter, Price & Co.  
Have with difficulty made up \$2000 in United States notes  
to replace the amount of the draft on Halsey & Co. Ask that  
the draft be returned without protest. Enclosed in no. 2655.  
1p. 2653
- June 1 -- St. Louis -- Powell, Lamont & Co. to Wilson P. Hunt  
Re draft on Halsey withdrawn. Enclosed in no. 2655. 1p.  
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- June 1 -- St. Louis -- From Wilson P. Hunt  
Details of financial arrangements, drafts, etc. Encloses  
statement of account of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. with W. P. Hunt,  
and nos. 2652, 2653, and 2654. 2p. 2655
- June 2 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Are unable to obtain draft on New York at any bank in Bos-  
ton. Hope to make remittance soon. 1p. 2656
- June 2 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of furs and skins via Ohio and Erie Canal.

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The season is too far advanced for shipments by New Orleans. Have not received any returns from the upper Missouri. Business is very dull. lp. 2657

June 3 — Boston — Martin Bates & Son to John B. Whetten  
Have remitted to the Company \$1500 in United States paper. lp. 2658

June 3 — Boston — From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose funds to be credited on account; will remit the balance soon. lp. 2659

June 3 — New York — To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Is pleased that powder has been forwarded. Re ship compass to be sent to Detroit. Has shipped rifles to be forwarded to Green Bay. L.B.C. 4:452 2660

June 3 — New York — To Hon. Joel R. Poinsett, Secretary of War, Washington  
Encloses copy of letter to Daniel Jackson in regard to the Indian payments. The government will have much less trouble in paying annuities in money than in merchandise and the Indians will be better satisfied. L.B.C. 4:450 2661

June 3 — New York — To Daniel Jackson, Present  
Discusses the government advertisements for Indian goods to the amount of \$148,000 to be substituted for the amount heretofore paid to the Indians in money. Re plan to pay the Indians in bank notes as has been done in the case of the Sacs and Foxes. Indians have made no agreement to take merchandise. Indians need money to pay their credits advanced by traders. Requests Jackson to present the matter to the government. L.B.C. 4:453-455 2662

June 3 — New York — To C. A. Harris, Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Encloses copies of letters to Jackson and to the Secretary of War regarding the Indian payments. L.B.C. 4:457 2663

June 3 — Town and County of Kent — From Rix Robinson  
Reports of commercial distress all over the union are astonishing. Panic pervades even the wilderness. Stuart and Robinson are concerned in building a steam saw mill at the mouth of Grand River. Hunts were poor in consequence of the large amounts paid the Indians in goods and cash last fall. Will forward skins and peltries to Mackinac. 2p. 2664

June 5 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Have not funds to supply Brewster to purchase skins. Reports from the Leipzig fair are not flattering. High prices paid at the last London sale precluded any brisk business at

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Leipsic. Details of prices to be offered for various skins. Large quantities of muskrats on hand in England. Cannot purchase skins at Detroit without the aid of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank. Clapp's visit to the lakes is uncertain; requests Brewster to close business at Saginaw. The prospects of success in the Lake Superior fisheries are encouraging; Warren is to send furs to Detroit. Judge Doty promised to get the commission of fish inspector for Warren from Gov. Dodge. Re directions about robes and deer skins. Details of Brewster's note. Times have not improved. Requests detailed statement of business of the Detroit Department. L.B.C. 4:458-464 2665

June 5 — New York — To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Re remittance made by Bates in bank notes. Requests payment of the remainder of account. L.B.C. 4:465 2666

June 6 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
It is necessary that Crooks and Clapp come West. Has bought good lot of furs. Details of goods for the Sault and Northern Outfit. The "Crooks" will be sent to Cleveland for another load of salt. 2p. 2667

June 6 — Manchester — A. & S. Henry to the Company  
Discusses the failure of several London houses connected with the American trade. Henry & Co. do not expect any interruption of the usual course of their business. 1p. 2668

June 6 — Buffalo — From Holt, Palmer & Co.  
Letter from Crooks was delivered by Mr. Handerson. The first lot of St. Mary's goods was forwarded May 20. Have shipped powder for Green Bay and Mackinac goods May 27. 1p. 2669

June 7 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Requests instructions about a certain draft. L.B.C. 4:466 2670

June 7 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Will send a large shipment of deer skins soon. L.B.C. 4:467 2671

June 7 — New York — To Wildes, & Co., London  
Encloses abstract of account, embracing every transaction to date. Advises that the balance be liquidated thru Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. L.B.C. 4:468 2672

June 7 — New York — To O. M. Lampson, London  
Discusses conditions at the Leipsic fair and the effects on the London market. Prefers more moderate prices in order to have steady market. The Company does not know what to do with beaver, otters and muskrats. May be able to dispose of otters

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at Canton. Would like to send beaver to London. Re returns expected in 1837. Re prices at Detroit. Newberry is chief buyer. L.B.C. 4:469-471

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June 9 — New York — To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Desires information on the present state of Western Outfit. Commercial affairs show little improvement; does not expect any material change before 1838. Details kinds of furs to ship first; deer skins and furs for London should not be detained. Re directions for marking packs. Muskrats cannot be sold in New York. Expects Rolette to obtain payment from the Winnebagoes of all their arrears. Details directions about claims, if the government concluded a treaty with the Indians. The government plans to substitute goods for money in paying Indian annuities. Pierre Chouteau and Crooks had an interview with Harris but accomplished nothing. Discusses Crooks's proposal to pay the Indians in bank notes. Fears Rolette will lose half his Indian debts. Re advantages in ordering goods early. L.B.C. 4:472-478

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June 9 — New York — To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Rolette will communicate letter concerning the general business of Western Outfit. Suspects error in the name of former Lieut. Price against whom Sibley has a claim. L.B.C. 5:1

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June 9 — New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Details efforts to secure fulfillment of shipping agreement with packet line. 2p.

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June 9 — London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Have been compelled to suspend payments. Enclose circular giving details of the entire financial affairs of the firm. Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. of Liverpool is a distinct firm. 2p.

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June 10 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Remarks regarding the shipment of about 30 packs of furs. Sales of 250 barrels of fish heavy. The "Crooks" is going to Cleveland. Details of Newberry's competition. 1p.

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June 10 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Details of error in certain draft. Annexes abstract of account with the Detroit Department and sundry account of sales. Abbott has reported that the Company houses have been altered to adapt them to the purposes of a hotel. Wishes Brewster to find a person who will rent hotel. If hotel cannot be rented, Abbott should be notified to occupy it again. Directs that the "Crooks" should be kept on regular route all the time; fears serious delay from sending the brig to the Sault. L.B.C. 5:2-4

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June 10 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Details of arrival of skins in damaged condition; thinks packs were damaged before reaching New Orleans. Re shipment of goods by Pierre Chouteau, Jr. via New Orleans. L.B.C. 5:5-6  
2680

June 10 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for furs forwarded for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp.  
2681

June 11 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Has told Franchere to send Livingston to Lapointe and keep Benedict. Will go to Green Bay soon to close business; Lawe is angry at the Company. Has had certain consignment of powder sent to the Portage. Provisions for Lac du Flambeau have been sent. Will attend to the retail store prices. Goods for 1837 have not arrived. Drew is in Mackinac. lp.  
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June 11 -- Mackinac -- From George R. Henderson

Re journey from Buffalo to Mackinac. Seven hundred passengers and much freight on the boat. At Fort Gratiot all the troops were taken on board being ordered to Green Bay. lp.  
2683

June 12 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co.

Compass was sent to Brewster some time ago. Re forwarding goods to Brewster and to Green Bay. Have received furs from Brewster; will forward them. Annex shipping statement. lp.  
2684

June 13 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Details of operations of buyer for the German market. Details of conversation with Hoette. Nothing can be done at Crooks's prices now. lp.  
2685

June 13 -- New York -- To John Ross, Commercial Bank, Toronto

Requests instructions about certain draft. L.B.C. 5:7  
2686

June 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Chouteau has written of great change of affairs in New York. Will give special care to paying out of funds. The Government has not paid the Indians promptly. The Missouri State Bank will not be in operation before 1838. Have forwarded furs via Ohio. lp. (French)  
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June 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Has received the Company's flour contract with Stewart; re payment. Thinks Hoette's operations will prevent many skins from reaching Detroit. Asks if he shall buy at his own discretion. lp.  
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June 14 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Is pleased that Brewster secured choice skins from Goderick, even at high rates. Lampson's report of the termination of the Leipzig fair is not favorable. Hudson's Bay Co. will have very large collections. Gives the maximum prices that should be paid at Detroit for various skins and furs. Prefers only Indian handled skins. Should avoid muskrats. Thinks opponents will have difficulty in getting credit in New York. The Company wants only the best and most desirable skins. Crooks is not likely to go to the lakes; Clapp may be persuaded to go. Business conditions do not improve. L.B.C. 5:8-12  
2689

June 15 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., Pittsburgh

Re shipment of ribbons via Pittsburgh. Will provide insurance on skins. L.B.C. 5:13  
2690

June 15 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Requests that package for Pratte, Chouteau & Co, be forwarded. L.B.C. 5:14  
2691

June 15 -- New York -- To Major Eneas Mackay

Is grateful for information about Lieut. Price. L.B.C. 5:15  
2692

June 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds

Is pleased to know the decline in the price of the blankets. Encloses draft in settlement of account. L.B.C. 5:16  
2693

June 15 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re shipment of deer skins worth about \$30,000. L.B.C. 5:17  
2694

June 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

The Leipzig fair did not terminate more unfavorably than the existing state of things warranted. Fears the effects of Hudson's Bay Co.'s accumulation of furs on the spring sales. Discusses conditions in the lake region. Details of deer skins ready to ship. Annexes list of prices agents have been authorized to pay for furs and skins. L.B.C. 5:18-20  
2695

June 15 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Details of arrangements about drafts. Request information about standing of Suydam & Jackson. lp.  
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June 16 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Will go to Green Bay at the first opportunity. Re discrepancy between the office and the outfit accounts; re charging certain details. Errors were found in Brewster's 1836 invoices. lp.  
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June 16 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Re condition of packs improperly stowed for shipment.  
L.B.C. 5:21 2698

June 17 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son

Enclose draft to be credited on account. 1p. 2699

June 17 -- New York -- To Wilson P. Hunt, St. Louis

Furs and robes have arrived in good order. Re payment of drafts. Encloses copy of letter to Halsey & Co. concerning drafts and property to be used in the payment of the same. Details of difficulty in obtaining payment of notes due.  
L.B.C. 5:22-27 2700

June 17 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Chouteau left June 14 for St. Louis. Has received packing accounts. Re furs and skins received from Hunt and from Halsey & Co. Re deer skins sent to London. Trade in gloves and mittens is almost at a standstill. Confidence must be restored, before business can revive. Details of drafts paid. Re arrangements about blankets, guns, and rifles. Encloses invoice for ribbons. L.B.C. 5:28-33 2701

June 17 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Thinks prices fixed for peltries are as high as the times will warrant; discusses prices. The prospects for selling muskrats are completely discouraging and the outlook for beaver and otters is little better. Expects decline in the English fur market. Advises that Newberry be allowed peltries if he bids high. Crooks will not go to Detroit in 1837. L.B.C. 5:34-36 2702

June 19 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo

Details of goods shipped. Returns are to be forwarded directly from Green Bay to Buffalo. Re directions about lake freight. Wishes to have insurance on the Lake Superior schooner Annexes old unsettled account for logwood and steel. L.B.C. 5:37-39 2703

June 19 -- New York -- To Robert M. Eberts, Green Bay

No credit is to be given DuBay after July 1 without special advice. Returns are to be shipped directly to Buffalo. Care is to be taken in examining packs. Freight bills will be paid at the close of navigation. L.B.C. 5:40-41 2704

June 19 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Has shipped package of ribbon to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 5:42 2705

June 19 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works

Re estimate of guns needed; wishes to know Henry's prices.  
L.B.C. 5:43 2706

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- June 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for deer skins. Prompt sales are very desirable. Discusses Hotte's purchases in Sandusky country. L.B.O. 5:44-45 2707
- June 19 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Re draft paid. Hopes Bates will make further remittance soon. L.B.O. 5:46 2708
- June 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of furs and deer skins shipped, valued at \$33404.22 Re quality of certain packs. L.B.O. 5:47-48 2709
- June 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
American credit in London is at a low ebb. Explains financial arrangements made with Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. Details of market conditions. 3p. 2710
- June 19 -- Pittsburgh -- From Pratte, Ghouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts drawn. Have obtained better terms on money. Ronaud has agreed to directions in Crooks's letter. Desire settlement with Pickersgill. 2p. (French) 2711
- June 19 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Gives the valuation of the buildings at the post relative to their insurance. Has hope of getting the Company's claims, if the Indian treaty is made. Gov. Dodge has gone to St. Louis for money for annuities. Tells of inconvenience to the post from the non-payment of troops who owe the store. Poor hunt. 3p. 2712
- June 19 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Has shipped 350 packs. Is affected by general crisis; money is scarce as paymaster cannot keep the troops in specie. 1p. 2713
- June 19 -- Fort Ramsay -- From Lyman M. Warren  
The lateness of the season has entirely destroyed the fishing operations. Has no information from the interior. Hunts at the lake posts have been fair, but have failed at Fond du Lac. Re omission of shot and balls in invoice of goods from New York. 2p. 2714
- June 20 -- Georgetown -- Jacob Ramsburg to Halsey & Co.  
Wishes to know when he can obtain deer skins. 1p. 2715
- June 20 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Hotte, the German Yankee, is welcome to all skins at the prices he pays. Details of funds due Robinson. The condition of the business requires Crooks to remain in New York. Whetten will go to Mackinac to assist Abbott. Requests Brewster to go

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to Lapointe for a few days. Wishes copy of orders that Brewster fills for different Outfits and the Northern Department. Warren wants additional salt. L.B.C. 5:49-50 2716

June 20 -- Philadelphia -- From Aeneas Mackay  
Describes efforts to locate Lieut. Price and the reply received from him. Considers the prospect of payment very slight. 2p. (Western Outfit Papers) 2717

June 20 -- London -- Bank of England to Benjamin Clapp  
Notice of protested bill of exchange. 1p. 2718

June 20 -- Georgetown -- Jacob Ramsburg to J. G. Halsey & Co.  
Wishes to know when he can obtain deer skins. 1p. 2719

June 20 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Give directions about inspecting iron doors ordered by Siter, Price & Co. Merchandise from Ronaud has not yet been received. 1p. 2720

June 21 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will attend to doors ordered. Re directions about robes. L.B.C. 5:51 2721

June 21 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Discusses contract with Norton, Stewart & Stimson. Will send contract with Whetten who leaves in a few days for the lakes. L.B.C. 5:52 2722

June 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. Government has not complied with the treaty stipulations. Have heard that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs will try to compel the Indians to take merchandise in lieu of money. Sacs and Foxes will certainly have money or nothing, provided that the Company or its agents retain any influence amongst them. 2p. 2723

June 22 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Thinks the Company should operate and will purchase until forbidden to. Newberry has bought many muskrats. Asks what disposition is to be made of the Saginaw concern. Few fish have been received. It is safe to allow a specified sum for robes on hand. Holt & Palmer have no cause to complain that his shipments were sent payable on delivery. Money matters are easier. Discusses the prospects for funds. Re Company's hotel at Mackinac. Advises that the Company plan next year to buy northern, western, and southwestern furs for a year at prices to eliminate competitors. 4p. 2724

June 22 -- New York -- To Alphonse Loubat, Present  
Encloses order for 4500 pairs French blankets to be de-

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livered by Dec. 31. Desires that the order be filled exactly as stated. L.B.C. 5:53-54 2725

June 22 -- New York -- To Major Eneas Mackay, Philadelphia  
 Regrets that the claim against Lieut. Price is worthless.  
 L.B.C. 5:55 2726

June 22 -- New York -- To Jacot, Smith, Bryce, & Jones, Present  
 Encloses an order for northwest guns. Gives details of probable orders to be given later. L.B.C. 5:56 2727

June 22 -- London -- From Robert Gillespie  
 Re terms of the Company's offers to commission agents. Hudson's Bay Co. have been obliged to withdraw their beaver sale. 1p. 2728

June 22 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
 Hudson's Bay Co.'s attempt to sell Columbia river beaver failed. Lampson's sale was partially successful. Discusses financial affairs. 3p. 2729

June 22 -- Toronto -- From the Commercial Bank  
 Re directions for the payment of a certain note. 1p. 2730

June 22 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
 Have received twine returned by the Company. 1p. 2731

June 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Is receiving deer skins, raccoons, etc. which will be shipped soon. L.B.C. 5:57 2732

June 23 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Encloses bills of lading and invoices for furs and skins. Details of drafts. L.B.C. 5:58 2733

June 23 -- New York -- To Wilson P. Hunt, St. Louis  
 Has not yet sold Hunt's deer skins due to Hersey's inability to make payments. L.B.C. 5:59 2734

June 23 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
 Encloses second of W. G. Pickersgill's draft. L.B.C. 5:60 2735

June 23 -- Louisville -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Re efforts to settle with Sire. Has not had reports from St. Louis. Requests, if Ronaud draws draft, that it be paid. 2p. (French) 2736

June 23 -- Louisville -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Sire said that no more blankets remained. Mager ought to send blankets. Can use colored blankets from Loubat, if white

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ones cannot be obtained. 2p. (French) 2737

June 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re notes enclosed for collection. Can now sell drafts on New York at 120 days sight. Expect returns from the upper Missouri to be greater than in any preceding year. 2p. (French) 2738

June 24 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of drafts. Has shipped deer skins to London. Loubat has sent an order for blankets. Discusses the size of French blankets. Re guns ordered. Siter, Price & Co. report that Gann will settle about the robes soon. Wishes samples of inferior goods in the English importations, in order to present the case to the manufacturers. Re goods shipped. L.B.O. 5:61-63 2739

June 24 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co.

Annex a copy of Barker & Holt's letter to Crooks, Dec. 16, 1836. Annex memorandum of shipment of packages inquired about by Crooks. Barker & Holt will write respecting the goods lost in 1834. Encloses no. 2259. 2p. 2740

June 24 -- 228 Pearl St., New York -- From Jacot, Smith, Bryce & Jones

Re guns ordered in England for 1838. 1p. 2741

June 24 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dougman

Sends list of goods for the Indian Department for the annuity payment to the Winnebagoes instead of specie payment provided by the treaty. 2p. 2742

June 24 -- Louisville -- From Buchanan & Gray

On the advice of Chouteau are enclosing certain protested draft to the Company. 1p. 2743

June 24 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Have arranged with Lampson for conducting the fur business jointly with him. 1p. 2744

June 26 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Discusses turbulence of Fond du Lac Indians and the murder of Alfred Aitkin. Any incompetent persons are to be discharged from the Company's service. A thoro examination into the affairs of the Northern Outfit ought to be made. Thinks that each department or sub-division of the trade must be placed under the sole charge of one responsible head. The head of a department must have absolute control of the business entrusted to him. Advises that Aitken, Holiday, Roussain and Franchere go to Lapointe for a meeting concerning the Company's business. It is impossible for Crooks to leave New York in 1837. Encloses

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abstracts of accounts of Outfits for 1836 and 1837. All expenses for the "Astor" should be charged annually to that vessel. Encloses a copy of an agreement made with Hudson's Bay Co. in 1833 and correspondence on the subject since that time. The Company should have some kind of arrangement with Hudson's Bay Company. Cotte is to deal only in fish at old Grand Portage. Discusses Warren's proposal to build a boat to carry fish. Re insurance on the "Astor". All lines and twines must be imported; the order should be sent early. Can procure blankets on better terms from France than from England. Has sent seal for notary public and brand for the fish inspector. Re condition of the fur market. General commercial embarrassments have already reached the Mississippi. Hopes Roussain will make a new establishment at the Ance. Hopes the agent of Indian affairs in Warren's territory will prove agreeable. If Livingston will not go to Lapointe, Borup will have to stay. Wishes copy of contract with Rev. Hall. Rev. Clark is to have supplies on the same terms as Hall. Provisions are very high. Re terms of insurance on goods and peltries. Discusses workmen and provisions sent from Montreal. Has sent brass kettle which was promised to a Chippewa chief. Annexes memorandum of papers accompanying this letter. L.B.C. 5:64-80 2745

June 26 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe

Has authorized Warren to cancel Borup's engagement as soon as the Company can secure a satisfactory successor. L.B.C. 5:81 2746

June 26 -- New York -- To John Holiday, Sault Ste. Marie

Commercial troubles compel Crooks to remain in New York. Re instructions about having a conference at Lapointe on the Company's business. The prospects for sales in Europe are not flattering; the home market is quite discouraging. The Indians should be encouraged to fish. L.B.C. 5:82-83 2747

June 26 -- New York -- To William A. Aitken, Lapointe

Regrets the death of Alfred Aitken. Aitken should present all evidence at the trial of the murderer. Cordial reconciliation among employees is needed for the prosperity of the Company's business. Commercial embarrassments prevent Crooks from leaving New York. Advises a meeting at Lapointe to discuss the Company's affairs. Decisions should be committed to writing. L.B.C. 5:84-87 2748

June 26 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Discusses Warren's drawing funds as a stockholder of the Company. Money is difficult to obtain for daily wants. The clock ordered by Warren is not suitable. Hopes for cordial reconciliation between Aitken and Warren. L.B.C. 5:88-90 2749

June 26 -- New York -- To Eustache Roussain, Lapointe

Regrets that the collection of peltries is so small.



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Berthkeht may influence the Indians to give trouble to Rous-sain about building a new establishment. Re arrangement made with Holiday at Mackinac in the fall of 1836 by which he was to retain his interest in the business of Lake Superior. Holiday will violate his duty to the Company, if he gives aid to Berthkeht. Commercial distress prevents Crooks from going to Lake Superior. L.B.O. 5:91-93 2750

June 26 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Re furs and skins received. Will attend to order for twine. Re incompetence of the fish inspector in Franchere's territory. The "Astor" is insured until Nov. 1. Any damage on any trip should be reported at once. Advises that Livingston replace Borup at Lapointe. If Livingston will not go, Borup must remain until the fall. Holiday's cattle are only a bill of expense; advises that they be sold. Desires Franchere to go to Lapointe for a conference on the Company's business. The business must be reorganized. L.B.O. 5:94-98 2751

June 26 -- Frederick, Md. -- Fritchie & Hanshaw to Halsey & Co.  
Request for gray deer skins at the same price as previous order. lp. 2752

June 26 -- Montreal -- Vallee, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Request the Company to purchase rice. Enclose no. 2614. lp. 2753

June 26 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Is pleased to know that the Company will give Henry its orders. Henry would like to know the approximate amount of contemplated orders. Quotes prices. Asks the Company to take a few Northwest guns. 2p. 2754

June 27 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Does not think Clapp would be arrested in the West. Requests that he be informed, if Clapp is coming, that he may have the accounts ready. lp. 2755

June 27 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Re fur operations. Regrets the ill success of the Leipzig fair. Details of financial arrangements a certain bank can make. Is glad that Whetten is coming West. Hopes that Crooks will come to investigate the Saginaw affairs. The smallest anchor which was sent was defective. Estimates the value of goods ordered. Re Abbott's order. Had to pay cash for large part of certain supplies. Has been unable to find a person for the Mackinac hotel; has told Abbott to re-occupy. Will make arrangements for hotel next spring if desired. Marine insurance company in Detroit will not take risks on Lake Superior. 3p. 2756

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June 27 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Conference should result in the improved management of the Northern Outfit. Re letters to Franchere, Aitken, Roussain and Holiday. Holiday should dispose of his cattle. Warren should furnish horse and stoves for Roussain. Wishes whole of the returns as soon as possible. Abbott has sent supplies for Lac du Flambeau Outfit to the portage of the Wisconsin. Expects to terminate business at Green Bay. L.B.C. 5:99-101 2757

June 27 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Is pleased that Henderson has reached Mackinac. Has no trace of lost box. Whetten will help in sorting skins at whatever place he is needed. Discusses affairs between the Company and Lawe. Urges the settlement with Lawe. Annexes list of prices to be paid for skins. Desires Whetten to visit Green Bay. Abbott must pay funds due Robinson. Re the importance of keeping on good terms with the Green Bay Concern. May buy Biddle & Drew's collection. L.B.C. 5:102-108 2758

June 27 -- New York -- From L. M. Hoffman & Co.

Do not consider themselves responsible for Morange's notes due the Company but, as there is a misunderstanding, the Hoffman's will assume responsibility for half of the amount. lp. 2759

June 27 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley

Has shipped 90 packs; 100 are ready for shipment; the tardiness of shipment is due to the lateness of the season. Re financial difficulties because of the non-payment of troops. Stambaugh has offered to take his business back. Will make no profit on the year's business. Will not have Indians take muskrats. Advises that Crooks attend the negotiations with the Chippewas on July 20 at River St. Peter's. 3p. 2760

June 28 -- New York -- To John B. Whetten, Detroit

Encloses letters for Warren and Abbott. Whetten should join Abbott as soon as possible. The most important business is to make settlement with Lawe and his associates. Thinks Lawe will do what is just and proper. Desires Whetten to visit Prairie du Chien and hurry on the Western returns. Must get either the Green Bay skins or the money they sell for. L.B.C. 5:109-111 2761

June 30 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott (per George R. Henderson)

Abbott is at Green Bay; details his closing of business there. Has received goods from New York; details of powder order with the amounts paid. Has had no opportunity of sending shot to the Sault. 2p. 2762

June 30 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Regret serious disaster to canoe on trip to the upper

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lakes. Re order of goods to be forwarded via Buffalo. Will send rice soon. L.B.C. 5:112-113 2763

June 30 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re shipment of furs and skins. Re quality of skins.  
L.B.C. 5:114 2764

June 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re shipment of peltries. Brewster has reported Hotte competing in the Miami country. Newberry grasps at everything. Detroit returns may not amount to much. L.B.C. 5:115-116 2765

June 30 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re account with W. O. Pickersgill. Cannot yet determine the returns to be expected from the Lake country. L.B.C. 5:117 2766

June 30 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Re shipment of nearly 600 barrels of fish. Has received outfit goods. Take of fish by the "Crooks" reported to be 581 barrels. 2p. 2767

June 30 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Renew order for blankets. Have no returns from the upper Missouri. Chiefs of Sacs and Foxes had to leave without receiving their annuities. Fear the government will create difficulty in this matter. 2p. (French) 2768

July 1 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of certain of Newberry's purchases and prices.  
1p. 2769

July 1 -- Boston -- From Bates & Son  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. 1p. 2770

July 1 -- New York -- To Fritchie & Hanshaw, Frederick Md.  
Halsey & Co. have suspended business. Re terms at which grey deer skins will be sold. Will ship skins to Europe soon.  
L.B.C. 5:118 2771

July 1 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.  
Halsey & Co. have suspended business. Have grey deer skins for sale. Prefers Ramsburg to examine them before buying.  
L.B.C. 5:119 2772

July 1 -- New York -- To Ebert & Sons, Frederick, Md.  
The Company now received skins formerly sent to Halsey & Co. Re deer skins on hand. Will ship them to Europe soon.  
L.B.C. 5:120 2773

July 1 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re little rice in the market; is unable to fill order.

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Gives directions about the men who deserted on their way to the upper lakes. L.B.C. 5:121 2774

July 1 -- New York -- To Gen. Charles Gratiot, Washington  
Is grateful for interest in having the Indian Agent appointed for Lake Superior. Wishes to know the exact location of the boundary line in Lake Superior. Has no reliable map. L.B.C. 5:122 2775

July 3 -- New York -- To Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses statement of account. Has received draft. L.B.C. 5:123 2776

July 3 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Annexes account of Hudson's Bay Co. for supplies furnished workmen who met with disaster on their way to the upper Lakes in May 1837. Has renewed entire order for goods from Montreal. L.B.C. 5:124-125 2777

July 3 -- Frederick, Md. -- From John Ebert & Sons  
Order good grey deer skins. Re payment thru banks. lp. 2778

July 3 -- Frederick, Md. -- From Fritchie & Hanshaw  
Have been advised that the Company now has kind of deer skins wanted. Directions for shipping skins and the method of payment. lp. 2779

July 3 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Order for deer skins. Directions for shipping and plan of payment. lp. 2780

July 4 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster (Copy)  
The "Crooks" arrived with a load of fish from the Sault at a poor time for sales; long credit will be necessary. lp. 2781

July 4 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose letter, [Not enclosed,] from Dousman concerning Indian affairs. This letter coincides with documents sent by Gen. Street and Capt. Hitchcock (military disbursing officer of the Indian Department) to Commissioner Harris at Washington. Has received returns from Otto post. lp. 2782

July 5 -- New York -- To Fritchie & Hanshaw, Frederick, Md.  
Will sell deer skins on terms proposed. L.B.C. 5:126 2783

July 6 -- Fond du Lac -- From William A. Aitken  
Is departing for the place of the Chippewa treaty. Fur returns are poor. Trade requires only half of men employed in

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1836. Discusses readjustments in positions and localities of various men. 2p. 2784

July 6 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Account of the sale of fish. Prices of flour, corn, oats, and potatoes. Has made no arrangements for the Saginaw concern. 1p. 2785

July 6 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Has received packing account and draft. Re plans to fill order for blankets. Discusses certain notes and drafts. Gives details of transportation rates via Ohio route. Re directions to be noted in making out packing accounts. Details about Loubat's delay in filling orders. L.B.C. 5:127-129 2786

July 6 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson

Has completed assortment of recent shipment of deer skins. Expects decline in prices. Hatters are in miserable state and their wants are very small. 2p. 2787

July 6 -- New York -- From Alphonse Loubat

Has received the Company's order for 4500 pairs of imported French mackinaw blankets. Prices and terms of payment. Blankets will be shipped from Marseilles. 1p. 2788

July 6 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Regret difficulties about opening packs on board boat. Will deliver goods for the Company as directed. 2p. 2789

July 6 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.

Report from Franchere about workmen sent to the Sault shows that 8 deserted. Franchere reports goods lost on the way to the lakes; have ordered duplicate of goods. Re accounts. 2p. 2790

July 6 -- Detroit -- From John B. Whetten

Re trip from New York. Brewster has arranged with the local bank for funds. Few furs have been offered for sale. Newberry has bought nearly 50,000 muskrats at higher prices than can be obtained in New York. Re plans for going to Green Bay and Prairie. 2p. 2791

July 7 -- Frederick, Md. -- From Fritchie & Hanshaw

Re terms of purchase of certain furs. Explain their proposals. 1p. 2792

July 7 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons

Details of misunderstandings with Lampson and with Wildes & Co. about payment of funds. Will wait until agitation in the money market subsides. 2p. 2793

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- July 8 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Will give all orders for rifles to Henry. May need 400.  
States terms of payment. L.B.C. 5:130 2794
- July 8 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re deer skins shipped. Will send duplicate invoices to  
Lampson. L.B.C. 5:132 2795
- July 8 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Encloses invoices. Expects to forward an important shipment soon. L.B.C. 5:133 2796
- July 8 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Details of skins shipped. L.B.C. 5:134 2797
- July 8 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Will give attention to the collection of notes. Great uncertainty exists as to regular business obligations being met. Is pleased that the shipments from the Missouri will be large. Hopes to export the remainder of skins and furs. Annexes invoice for French blankets. Loubat will not guarantee the delivery of the order by the end of 1837. L.B.C. 5:135-136 2798
- July 8 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Discusses the prospects for fur sales. Advises the Company to sell certain skins in New York when possible. 2p. 2799
- July 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re Throckmorton's draft. Details of size of blankets needed. Will send order for woollens to England soon. Are awaiting the first returns from the upper Missouri before discussing prices. 1p. (French) 2800
- July 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have forwarded box from Ronaud. Details of efforts to settle with Wm. Camm for Chouteaus. 1p. 2801
- July 8 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Shipment of deer skins has been received by Lampson. 1p. 2802
- July 10 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have received sales accounts from Camm. Had to take his note in settlement. 1p. 2803
- July 10 -- London -- From Robert Gillespie  
Wishes to have agency for part of the Company's business in London. Laidlaw now in London. 1p. 2804
- July 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re furs and deer skins forwarded via Ohio. Missouri is

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very high. Have no news from the upper Missouri or the Platte rivers. lp. (French) 2805

July 10 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette

Shipment of furs from Green Bay. Troops have not yet been paid. The Superintendent of Indian Affairs intends to pay half of the annuities in goods. Fears that the government will make secret treaty with the Indians at Washington and deny claimants. Chippewa treaty is to be made. Examination of his claims is being made. 3p. 2806

July 10 -- Norway House -- George Simpson to William A. Aitken  
Encloses draft, \$300, for annual payment, according to the agreement of 1833. lp. 2807

July 10 -- Fort Ramsay -- From Lyman M. Warren

All supplies have arrived from New York. Has forwarded all furs on hand. Will go to St. Peters to attend the treaty. lp. 2808

July 11 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Whetten has arrived. Has sold some fish. Hopes Whetten can arrange affairs at Lapointe. Expects Olapp. Webster is in Detroit. Has made advances to Whetten. lp. 2809

July 11 -- New York -- To Fritchie & Hanshaw, Frederick, Md.

Regrets misunderstanding about deer skins. The Company did not agree to deliver skins at Frederick. States terms of payment. L.B.C. 5:137 2810

July 11 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.

Encloses invoice and bill of lading for deer skins. Re quality of skins. L.B.C. 5:138 2811

July 11 -- New York -- To Ebert & Sons, Frederick, Md.

Encloses invoice for deer skins. Re weight of skins. States terms of payment. L.B.C. 5:139 2812

July 11 -- New York -- To Elder & Son, Baltimore

Annexes bill of lading for deer skins consigned to Ebert & Sons, Frederick, Md. L.B.C. 5:140 2813

July 11 -- New York -- To Jacot, Smith, Bryce & Jones, Present

Will take northwest guns but may require change in length. L.B.C. 5:141 2814

July 11 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Brewster may act as he deems best in purchasing skins at Detroit. If the times improve by spring of 1838, the Company will take the field against all competitors. Brewster may dispose of the inventory of the Saginaw Outfit in any way possible.

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Clapp cannot go away from New York. Must provide for fisheries as well as regular trade. Brewster is fully authorized to arrange for opening the hotel at Mackinac. Newberry must be ignorant of the true state of the fur market both at home and abroad. Hopes the brig will bring fish and Northern Outfit skins on its next trip. Vallee, Boyer & Co. have sent a duplicate order of stoves, etc. Re seal and papers sent with Whetten. L.B.C. 5:142-144 2815

July 11 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Will make 300 rifles as ordered. Details of time of delivery and the terms. lp. 2816

July 12 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Re the apparent delay in Whetten's journey to the lakes. Requests that articles sent by Vallee, Boyer & Co. be forwarded. L.B.C. 5:145-146 2817

July 12 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Is pleased that Chouteau has reached St. Louis. Cannot find any blankets. Re damaged deer skins received from New Orleans. Directions to Loubat about filling order for blankets. L.B.C. 5:147-148 2818

July 12 -- New York -- To Alphonse Loubat, Present  
Re the importance of having blankets delivered at the proper time. If the manufacturers are in doubt, the order must be sent to England. L.B.C. 5:149 2819

July 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhaus  
Wish to sell gloves and mitts to the Company. Are glad that the Company will buy guns now in New York. Request price at which Astor draws francs. Have beads, glasses, etc. on hand. lp. 2820

July 12 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Have received remittance from the Company. Discuss financial arrangements. There is no change in prices. lp. 2821

July 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of robes via New Orleans. Delay in the receipt of returns from the upper Missouri causes apprehension. Expect the collection of robes to be greater than in 1836. lp. (French) 2822

July 13 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Hudson's Bay Co. will have public sale of beaver about Sept. 1. Deer skins shipped to Hamburg by Root & Leonard will be offered at a public sale. Details of the probable stock of Hudson's Bay Co. of all kinds of furs. The prospects for the autumn sales are not favorable. None of the exporters have



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done a good business. Spring sales are always the best. Details of difficulties about a certain draft. 3p. 2823

July 14 -- Green Bay -- From Samuel Abbott

Delayed by tardy arrival of furs; returns about July 18. Green Bay Outfit will pay Abbott about \$27,000. Has sold goods on hand to the Green Bay Outfit. Whetten is at Green Bay. The Green Bay Outfit of 1836 was more profitable than was expected. Will return to Green Bay Aug. 10 for the Indian payments. 2p. 2824

July 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Re fur operations. Franchere writes that shot for New Orleans has arrived. Requests invoice to get box of goods from the boat. 1p. 2825

July 14 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay

General derangement in business makes it impossible for Crooks to leave New York. Abbott will visit Green Bay. The Company has determined to close all trade at Green Bay, Milwaukee and Grand River. Hopes an amicable settlement will be arranged with Abbott. Agreement between Rolette and Robert Grignon was entered into without the Company's consent. Re competition among traders. L.B.C. 5:150-152 2826

July 14 -- Baltimore -- From S. L. Fowler & Brother

Re protested draft drawn on Halsey & Co. Asks if the Company will pay this draft. 1p. 2827

July 14 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.

Manufacturer will take twine back. Re accounts. 1p. 2828

July 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds

Discusses commercial derangements. Has heard of the failure of Wildes & Co. Will provide payment for Gotts. L.B.C. 5:153 2829

July 15 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re shipment of deer skins and furs. Has news of the commercial distress in London. Specie payment is entirely suspended in America. Resumption of business seems remote. L.B.C. 5:154-155 2830

July 15 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London

Reports of commercial distress in London surpass expectations. Every bank in the U.S. and the Canadas has suspended specie payments. Had understood that the Bank of England had undertaken to liquidate entirely the concerns of Wildes & Co. Annexes memorandum of furs and skins being shipped. L.B.C. 5:156-157 2831

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- July 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received 1200 packs of robes from St. Peter's. Expect returns from Mackinac. Recent transactions with J. O. Halsey have not yet been entirely effaced. Have great need of blankets. 2p. (French) 2832
- July 15 -- Fort Snelling -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Chippewa treaty to be negotiated immediately; Dousman is in town for it. 1p. 2833
- July 15 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have received bills of lading and invoices for shipment of furs. 1p. 2834
- July 17 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
List of skins bought by Newberry; gives prices paid. Further details of buying, etc. Smart had to go to Ohio for corn, because of the non-fulfillment of contract. The sales of the Sault fish are closed. Is sorry that Olapp cannot come to the West. 2p. 2835
- July 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. Approves the purchase of blankets. 1p. (French) 2836
- July 17 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Re building operations at the post. The fishing season is poor. Low prices for furs; details of offers made him. Sends supply order. 4p. 2837
- July 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korkhaus  
Annex bill for gloves and mitts. 1p. 2838
- July 17 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Re plans for the sale of deer skins. The sale at Hamburg was not successful. Details of market conditions. Annexes assortment of recent shipment of deer skins. 3p. 2839
- July 17 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Certain packets have arrived at London. 1p. 2840
- July 18 -- New York -- To S. L. Fowler & Brother, Baltimore  
Re arrangements for payment of drafts drawn by Wilson P. Hunton Halsey & Co. L.B.O. 5:159 2841
- July 18 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Hopes Whetten has joined Abbott. Will send accounts of St. Mary's, Northern Outfit and Western Outfit soon. Regrets delay in the delivery of shot, balls and lead. Abbott may draw on Brewster for funds to pay Robinson. Encloses copy of letter to Lawe. L.B.O. 5:160-161 2842

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- July 15 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has received bill for gloves and mitts. Has no orders for  
Indian goods at present. L.B.O. 5:162 2843
- July 15 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.  
Re order for robes. 1p. 2844
- July 15 -- Mackinac -- From George R. Henderson  
Whetten arrived July 12; went on to Green Bay to join Ab-  
bott. Shot balls have been sent to the Sault. Has received 28  
packs of furs, some whiskey, salt, and traps from Juneau.  
Sends statement of the contents of fur packs. Quotes from a  
letter from Franchere that it is impossible to collect anything;  
times are very hard. New York account current does not agree  
with books at Mackinac on account of the differences in the  
Sault and Detroit accounts. 2p. 2845
- July 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re freight on Ohio lines. Are astonished at the conduct of  
Loubat. Re bills sent to the Company for collection. Re di-  
rections for the payment of certain accounts. 2p. (French) 2846
- July 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of shipment of furs and skins. Requests early  
sales. L.B.O. 5:163 2847
- July 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Discusses disastrous state of commercial affairs. Re  
shipment of furs and skins, and directions for the sale of  
them. Business shows no sign of revival. L.B.O. 5:164-165 2848
- July 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received invoice for blankets. Will be disappointed  
if Loubat does not fill order with better quality of blankets  
than those coming from England. Suggests that the Company con-  
fer with Loubat. Enclose Treasury Warrants. Barques from the  
Sioux have arrived with robes and beaver. Collection of beaver  
is small; will depend on mountains for more. Campbell has not  
told the truth on the subject of robes. Powell, Lamont & Co.'s  
robes are not expected before September. 2p. (French) 2849
- July 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of conversation with Newberry about skins. Asks  
what is done with Fort Wayne skins this season. Asks how late  
news of money matters affects the Company. 1p. 2850
- July 19 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Re certain goods shipped by the Company not received. 1p. 2851

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- July 19 -- Frederick -- From Ebert & Sons  
Are pleased with the skins received. Re directions for  
payment. lp. 2852
- July 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Have drawn draft as directed. lp. 2853
- July 19 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co.  
Books forwarded to Hon. James Crooks. Whetten arrived too  
late for the boat. Will give attention to the stoves when they  
arrive. lp. 2854
- July 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re orders for iron doors for the bank in Missouri. Re-  
quest the Company to make a contract for these doors. lp. 2855
- July 19 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Enclose account current. Discuss accounts. lp. 2856
- July 20 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re arrangement about bank vault doors. Has received  
robes. L.B.O. 5:166 2857
- July 20 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discuss proposal to pay certain bill in New York. lp. 2858
- July 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re Treasury notes enclosed to be credited on account. Will  
make shipment of robes soon. lp. (French) 2859
- July 21 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has recieved check for vault doors. Discuss other doors  
to be made. Approves settlement with Camm for robes. L.B.O.  
5:167 2860
- July 21 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Re draft paid. L.B.O. 5:168 2861
- July 21 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Annexes receipt for goods to be forwarded to Sault Ste.  
Marie. L.B.O. 5:169 2862
- July 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft of Siter, Price & Co. All the boats from the up-  
per Missouri have arrived; robes are being prepared for ship-  
ment. lp. 2863
- July 21 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Statement of robes forwarded for Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
lp. 2864

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- July 21 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for buffalo robes. 1p. 2865
- July 21 -- Lake Michigan -- From John B. Whetten  
Details of settlement of business at Green Bay. Abbott will attend the Indian payments in August. Packs from Western Outfit have been detained three weeks at the portage of the Wisconsin. Annexes memorandum of settlement with the Green Bay Outfit. 3p. 2866
- July 22 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Whetten came to Mackinac with him. Rates for transportation are high. 150 packs in storehouse. Expects Robinson. Thinks Biddle & Drew will sell furs to the Company. Promised Laws to send goods and provisions. Green Bay Outfit will pay debt to the Company as soon as they make sales. Will send remittance after seeing Major Garland. Encloses statement about Green Bay affairs. [Not enclosed.] 2p. 2867
- July 22 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Newberry has gone to New York leaving agent behind. 1p. 2868
- July 22 -- New York -- To Benjamin Demers, Montreal  
Will give positive answer soon about filling Demers' order for robes. L.B.C. 5:170 2869
- July 22 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Cannot fill order for rice. Details of accounts. Wants list of all workmen engaged for the Company in the spring of 1837. Prefers to sell robes to Vallée, Boyer & Co. only in Lower Canada. L.B.C. 5:171-172 2870
- July 22 -- New York -- To Ebert & Sons, Frederick  
Is pleased that skins are satisfactory. Has received payment. Re present prices. L.B.C. 5:173 2871
- July 22 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.  
Has drawn draft in payment of deer skins. L.B.C. 5:174 2872
- July 22 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Must defer order for iron doors. 1p. 2873
- July 22 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Details of a certain draft. 1p. 2874
- July 22 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have received bill of lading and invoices of furs and forwarded the same to Lampson. 1p. 2875

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- July 24 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Encloses invoice for peltries. L.B.C. 5:175 2876
- July 24 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has learned of Lampson's arrival at Liverpool. Expects more skins from St. Louis. Collection at Detroit will be very limited, due to Newberry's high prices. L.B.C. 5:176 2877
- July 24, -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Commercial distress has reached its worst; business will slowly revive. Requests continuance of quotations on coarse woolens. L.B.C. 5:177 2878
- July 24 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Has received invoice for duplicate order of goods. Rice continues very high. L.B.C. 5:178 2879
- July 24 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Return of the "Astor" with 361 barrels of fish and 27 packs of furs. Shipment of fish. Times are dull. 2p. 2880
- July 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re robes shipped via New Orleans. Powell, Lamont & Co. expect robes from the Arkansas. 1p. 2881
- July 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of accounts. Hope Halsey's will pay protested note. 1p. (French) 2882
- July 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Is pleased with Lampson's arrangements for receiving and disposing of skins, so that the Company can ship directly to Lampson. Hopes Lampson will succeed in settling the Company's account with Wildes & Co. Regrets that the prospect for beaver is very discouraging. J.O. Halsey died June 5 on a voyage from Italy to France. L.B.C. 5:179-180 2883
- July 26 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re order for real Mackinac blankets. Wishes to know the probable terms. L.B.C. 5:181 2884
- July 26 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has received packing account. Thinks Commissioner of Indian Affairs cannot be influenced so will retain Dousman's letter. Has notified Loubat about the size of blankets. Has written to Philadelphia about small-sized blankets. All skins suitable for the London market have been shipped. Hudson's Bay Co. offered Columbia River beaver at auction but could get no bids. Lampson has sold Rocky Mountain beaver. L.B.C. 5:182-183 2885

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- July 26 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Is pleased with the deer skins. Will purchase more soon.  
lp. 2886
- July 27 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Has arranged to have the sale of deer skins, before any  
additional shipments arrive. Details about skins reported at  
Hamburg and Havre. Annexes statement of assortment and valuation of deer skins. Has no doubt about sale of Indian handled skins. 3p. 2887
- July 27 -- Albany -- From Lyon, Chesbro & Co.  
Are unable to secure money from banks to pay note due the  
Company Aug. 3. Request extension on note. Mr. Lyon will call  
at the Company's office on his return from Baltimore. 2p. 2888
- July 27 -- Bank of U.S., Philadelphia -- S. Jandon to Benjamin  
Clapp  
Notice of protested bill of exchange. lp. 2889
- July 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Order for real Mackinaw blankets received. Send statement  
of blankets on hand. lp. 2890
- July 28 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Invoice of furs and skins enclosed. Hopes Crooks will buy  
Newberry's recent shipment. Abbott reports higher profit than  
was expected. Brewster will go to Saginaw in a few days. lp. 2891
- July 28 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re blankets that can be obtained. Details of doubtful  
payments due for furs and skins. Requests that the enclosed  
draft be collected. L.B.O. 5:184-185 2892
- July 29 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Discusses certain funds to be forwarded thru Hudson's Bay  
Co.'s agent at Lachine to persons at Red River settlement. Re  
Treasury Warrants. Will fill order for blankets. Is gratified  
that returns from the Missouri have reached St. Louis. Hopes  
Yellow Stone boat will be fortunate. L.B.O. 5:187-188 2893
- July 29 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses draft to be collected. Re funds to be paid to  
Keith, Hudson's Bay agent, and directions to be given him. De-  
tails about robes ready for filling orders. The price of robes  
is not fixed. Rice continues high. L.B.O. 5:189-190 2894
- July 29 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will take two and one half point blankets. L.B.O. 5:191  
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- July 29 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.  
Is gratified that skins are satisfactory. Re deer skins  
to be received soon. Can supply robes. L.B.C. 5:192 2896
- July 29 -- New York -- To Lyon, Cheseboro & Co.  
Discusses security required if note is not paid. L.B.C.  
5:193-194 2897
- July 29 -- St. Louis -- Levi C. Turner to P. Chouteau, Jr.  
Details about a certain draft protested and provision for  
a new draft. lp. 2898
- July 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose invoice for shipment of upper Missouri robes. Re  
directions about certain sales accounts. lp. (French) 2899
- July 29 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Re settlement of account for returned twine. lp. 2900
- July 31 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Whetten bought Biddle and Drew's furs; balance has not  
been sent to St. Mary's. Order of goods for Laws and the De-  
partment of wines, gems, knives, provisions, etc. Will send  
good money to New York, if it can be got for his specie. 2p.  
2901
- July 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Regrets condition of the London market. Has noted the  
prices for beaver. Discusses protested draft. Hopes funds due  
Gott & Sons have been paid. Newberry has arrived with his  
skins. Re Newberry's plans for selling skins. Prospects of  
returns from the interior. L.B.C. 5:195-197 2902
- July 31 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Re protested draft. L.B.C. 5:198 2903
- July 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Is pleased that satisfactory arrangements are made with  
Lampson. L.B.C. 5:199 2904
- July 31 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Discusses funds not paid to Gott & Sons, and protest of a  
certain bill. Drawers have met the claim. L.B.C. 5:200 2905
- July 31 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co.  
Will forward stoves received from Vallee, Boyer & Co. to  
Detroit. Details about transportation and other charges. lp.  
2906
- July 31 -- Albany -- From Lyon, Cheseboro & Co.  
Enclose notes due the Company. lp. 2907



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- July 31 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Statement of robes ready to be forwarded for Pratte,  
Chouteau & Co. 1p. 2908
- July 31 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for buffalo robes. 1p. 2909
- July 31 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s draft. 1p. 2910
- July 31 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Annex invoice for a bale of blankets. 1p. 2911
- July 31 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have received bill of lading and invoice of furs and for-  
warded the same to Lampson. Geo. Wildes & Co. have made a pay-  
ment on account of the Company. Enclose a price current. [Not  
enclosed.] 1p. 2912
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Wishes complete drawing of ordinary size Mackinac boat.  
Re accounts. L.B.C. 5:201-202 2913
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Augustine Rolfe, Brooklyn  
Note due July 26 has been protested. Requests payment.  
L.B.C. 5:203 2914
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Lyon, Cheseboro & Co., Albany  
Returns enclosed notes which are not acceptable. Lyon has  
not called. L.B.C. 5:204 2915
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has received Treasury Warrants which will sell at about  
3 1/2 per cent premium. Re blankets ready to forward. L.B.C.  
5:205 2916
- Aug. 1 -- Albany -- From Lyon, Cheseboro & Co.  
Details of difficulties in getting funds for their busi-  
ness. Statement of assets and liabilities. Desire Crooks to  
examine their affairs. Offer goods in payment of note due the  
Company. 3p. 2917
- Aug. 1 -- St. Peters -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Treaty between Gov. Dodge and the Chippewas was concluded  
July 31. Re lands ceded by the Indians. Aitken and Warren had  
a claim of \$53,000 inserted in the treaty. Warren wishes to  
visit Washington in re claims. Accounts against the government  
have not been paid for want of funds. This account was incurred  
in connection with having the Indians attend the treaty. 2p.  
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- Aug. 2 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Whetten has repacked all furs. lp. 2919
- Aug. 2 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has purchased skins from St. Joseph's. Leaves for Saginaw  
Aug. 2. Has shipped provisions to Lawe. lp. 2920
- Aug. 2 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re packages to be forwarded to Pittsburgh. L.B.O. 5:206  
2921
- Aug. 2 -- New York -- To Joshua Blake, Boston  
Re certain notes to be collected. Wishes to know the  
prospects for obtaining payment. L.B.O. 5:207 2922
- Aug. 2 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Muskrats cannot be sold. Re Newberry's plans for selling  
his peltries. "Friend Oliver's purchases this year will not  
enrich him". Comparet's skins are coming to Suydam & Sage.  
Ewings value their collection at \$20,000. Discusses financial  
affairs in London. Account with Wildes & Co. will be settled  
without loss of a dollar. The Company's credit is still good.  
Is pleased that fish sold at a good price. Details of accounts  
between Detroit Department and the Northern Department. Re-  
turns from Prairie du Chien will be less than in 1836. Hopes  
Brewster will make final adjustment of Saginaw concern. Urges  
Brewster to go to Lapointe. Annexes statement of errors in ac-  
counts and extracts from Lampson's letters. L.B.O. 5:211-213  
2923
- Aug. 2 -- New York -- To Lyon, Cheseboro & Co., Albany  
Has paid certain note. L.B.O. 5:214 2924
- Aug. 2 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Has settled with Ool. Stambaugh; would like to have all  
business or transfer all to Stambaugh. Is going to Washington  
about Sept. 1, with a delegation of Sioux and Winnebagoes;  
Crooks should be present as the Company's claims are very heavy.  
lp. 2925
- Aug. 3 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Has shipped 120 packs; are ready for shipment abroad.  
Robinson's furs are not in. lp. 2926
- Aug. 3 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Details of accounts. Warren should have his books conform  
to those of the Company and of the Northern Department. Re  
guns for DuBay. Has closed business with the Green Bay con-  
cern. DuBay has complained of the late arrival of supplies.  
Brewster has sold fish. Requests detailed report of all mat-  
ters of the Outfit. Annexes abstracts of accounts. L.B.O. 5:  
215-223 2927

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Aug. 3 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Regrets that regular packet boats have been discontinued.  
 Discusses disaster to canoe and workmen on the way from Montreal  
 to the upper lakes. Details of accounts with St. Mary's  
 Outfit. Encloses invoice for gloves and mitts. Borup must re-  
 main if matters cannot be arranged with Livingston. Re ar-  
 rangements with Holiday. Was unable to prevent the government  
 from paying Indians in goods. L.B.C. 5:224-229, 231 2928

Aug. 3 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
 Is grateful for Abbott's good management in effecting a  
 settlement of affairs of Green Bay Outfit. Advises buying re-  
 turns of Biddle & Drew. Encloses abstract of Northern Depart-  
 ment account. Discusses accounts. L.B.C. 5:232-234 2929

Aug. 3 -- Albany -- From Lyon, Chesebro & Co.  
 Are grateful to Crooks for not allowing their notes to be  
 protested. Urge Crooks to come to Albany and examine their  
 stock. Offer stock in payment of notes. 2p. 2930

Aug. 3 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
 Is unable to order skins due to lack of funds. 1p. 2931

Aug. 3 -- Mackinac -- From John B. Whetten  
 Will forward packing accounts of all furs received, and  
 memorandum of purchase from Biddle & Drew. Robinson has not  
 yet arrived. The collection generally is good except deer.  
 Expects Major Garland soon and hopes to secure the payment of  
 his drafts. Has funds in specie but no way to send it to New  
 York. 1p. 2932

Aug. 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Will give assistance about notes. Re drafts. May obtain  
 a few more blankets. L.B.C. 5:235-236 2933

Aug. 4 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Re shipment of robes. Re enclosed drafts for the account  
 of Wilson P. Hunt. 1p. (French) 2934

Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Encloses invoice for blankets. Small English blankets are  
 too high. Campbell has not succeeded in selling his robes.  
 L.B.C. 5:237 2935

Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson, Baltimore  
 Wishes to know whether Lloyd N. Rogers is able to pay his  
 note. L.B.C. 5:238 2936

Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
 Requests that goods for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. be for-  
 warded. L.B.C. 5:239 2937

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- Aug. 5 -- London -- From O. M. Lampson  
Encloses marked catalog of deer skin sale. Details of the amounts of various invoices. The prospects for the autumn fur sales do not improve. 2p. 2938
- Aug. 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have forwarded blankets to Ronaud. Statement of weight of blankets and charges. 1p. 2939
- Aug. 7 -- Montreal -- Beausoliel, Vallée, & Co. to the Company  
Request terms required by the Company for robes. Details of terms on which Vallée, Boyer & Co. sell robes. 3p. 2940
- Aug. 7 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Wishes to know how many robes Bates will want. Requests the prices of wool. L.B.C. 5:240 2941
- Aug. 7 -- Paris -- Draper, Todd & Co. to Kenneth Mackenzie  
Have drawn draft for the balance of account. 1p. 2942
- Aug. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re enclosed drafts. Powell has gone East to sell robes. 1p. 2943
- Aug. 7 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Will pay Hudson's Bay Co. as requested. 1p. 2944
- Aug. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have advised Lampson of the probable amount of the Company's shipment. The sale of deer skins went off very well -- 68,000 skins having sold at 5 to 7 1/2 per cent more than was generally expected. 1p. 2945
- Aug. 8 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Re payment of Holiday's draft. Details of accounts. Discusses errors in accounts. Has cautioned Warren about beginning opposition to persons of the late Green Bay Outfit. If any trading boundary was agreed to, Warren should be informed. Baraga has left \$1600 in the Company's hands. L.B.C. 5:241-245 2946
- Aug. 8 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Black River, Ohio  
Desires advice about building boat to collect fish along Lake Superior. L.B.C. 5:245-246 2947
- Aug. 8 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Details of accounts. Two stoves sent from Montreal are for Roussain. Has consulted Jones about building boat. Baraga has left \$1600 with the Company; Warren may make advances to Baraga on the same terms as to Protestant Missionaries. L.B.C. 5:247 2948

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- Aug. 8 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Re advances to be allowed Baraga. Re payment of a certain  
draft. L.B.C. 5:248 2949
- Aug. 8 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Is pleased that Brewster has obtained some valuable skins.  
Can supply Brewster with all the robes he can sell. Wishes  
Brewster to make complete settlement of the Saginaw business.  
Advances are to be allowed Baraga. Suydam & Sage will ship  
Newberry's furs to Lampson. L.B.C. 5:249-250 2950
- Aug. 8 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Annexes bill for rice which Boyer purchased. Rice has  
been forwarded to St. John's. L.B.C. 5:251 2951
- Aug. 8 -- New York -- To Pierce & Son, St. John's  
Annexes invoice for rice to be forwarded to Vallée, Boyer  
& Co. L.B.C. 5:252 2952
- Aug. 8 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Son  
Discuss financial status of Lloyd N. Rogers. lp. 2953
- Aug. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of robes. Merchandise for shipment of annu-  
ties has been delivered. lp. (French) 2954
- Aug. 9 -- Fort Ramsay -- From Charles W. Borup  
Has forwarded furs and peltries. Warren is at St. Peter's.  
Franchere, Holiday and Roussain are at Fort Ramsay. Supplies  
of blankets are of the very worst kind. lp. 2955
- Aug. 9 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Asks to defer till summer leaving the business. lp. 2956
- Aug. 9 -- Fort Ramsey -- From Abel D. Newton  
Must leave the Company's employ at the end of his term of  
contract on account of ill health. lp. 2957
- Aug. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Remit accounts against Suydam, Jackson & Co. Discuss ad-  
counts. Will send last shipment of robes soon. lp. (French) 2958
- Aug. 10 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Refusal of the Winnebagoes to accept goods in payment of  
government annuities. Blankets ordered for next year. Indian  
delegation is going to Washington in September. Purpose of  
getting lands from the Indians. lp. 2959
- Aug. 10 -- Lapointe -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Re terms of salary of Livingston and his trip to Montreal.

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Has not enough barrels to put up the fish taken. There is difficulty in loading fish from the exposed position of the new station at Ile de Campment. Advice to get new ship and suggestions as to a captain and crew. 3p. 2960

Aug. 10 -- Green Bay -- From Joseph Rolette

There are no facilities for overhauling 368 packs of furs before shipment. It is difficult to send furs promptly. Account of 441 packs sent. Hunt was poor due to the credit system at St. Peter's. List of furs and certain packages marked to be kept separate. 3p. 2961

Aug. 11 -- New York -- To O'Connor & Co., Philadelphia

Re goods to be forwarded to Ronaud. L.B.C. 5:253 2962

Aug. 11 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson & Son, Baltimore

Rogers has arranged about the payment of his note. L.B.C. 5:254 2963

Aug. 11 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo

Re packages to be forwarded to Franchere. L.B.C. 5:255 2964

Aug. 11 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie

Annexes invoice for goods shipped. L.B.C. 5:256 2965

Aug. 11 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Details of reports of the London fur market. Fears poor sales in the spring. Does not know what to do with otters and muskrats. L.B.C. 5:257 2966

Aug. 11 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Encloses invoice for scarlet cloth and blankets. Re robes not yet received. Details of drafts. L.B.C. 5:258-259 2967

Aug. 11 -- Lapointe -- From Gabriel Franchere

Indian treaty of St. Peters. Error in receipt of certain packages. 2p. 2968

Aug. 11 -- Newark -- From William B. Woodruff

Nonacceptance of certain draft drawn by Woodruff. 1p. 2969

Aug. 12 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Urges that goods for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. be forwarded promptly. L.B.C. 5:260 2970

Aug. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have pressing need for blankets. Re robes ready to ship. Remit memorandum of merchandise to be ordered from England. 1p. (French) 2971

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- Aug. 12 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Will not take more than 2000 robes this year. Re kind of robes wanted. 1p. 2972
- Aug. 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of his financial affairs. Re conditions found at Saginaw. Hopes Whetten will go to Prairie du Chien. Brewster plans to go to Lapointe in the fall. 2p. 2973
- Aug. 14 -- New York -- To William Woodruff, Newark  
Will await advice about protested draft. Wishes to know whether note will be paid at maturity. L.B.O. 5:261 2974
- Aug. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Introduces Alexander Sanford, father of J. F. A. Sanford. 1p. 2975
- Aug. 14 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re accounts. 1p. 2976
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Discuss drafts. Skins have arrived in fair condition. Lampson is not sanguine about the London market. L.B.O. 5:262-263 2977
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Is surprised and mortified at the manner in which funds have been handled in England. Will remit the sum due Gotts at once. Has noted reductions in the prices of woollens. L.B.O. 5:264-265 2978
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Hopes the prospects will improve for deer skins. Will try to sell beaver in New York. Tells of the dishonoring of a bill due Gott & Sons. Drawers are willing to pay when the bill is surrendered. L.B.O. 5:266-267 2979
- Aug. 15 -- Manchester -- A. S. Henry & Co. to the Company  
Circular -- Business is improving and people are buying manufactured goods freely. Approaching harvest is likely to be very abundant one. Prices have improved, especially in cotton fabrics and blanket wools. 1p. 2980
- Aug. 15 -- Mackinac -- From Mary Holiday  
Details of Mary Holiday's health; requests funds to pay expenses to Texas. 3p. 2981
- Aug. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Discuss blankets received. Re account with Macklot. List of drafts drawn. Sale of robes by Campbell at low prices. 1p. (French) 2982

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Aug. 15 -- Green Bay -- From John B. Whetten

Has to remain at Green Bay to be present at the payment in order to secure claims on the Grignons. Garland has promised Treasury note for certain requisitions. Encloses packing account of returns of Western Outfit. Freight from the portage is enormously high. 3p. 2983

Aug. 16 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Received letter from Newberry. Re market for buffalo robes. Shipment of furs and fish from St. Mary's; furs forwarded. Re market for fish and price to be asked. Warren reports only fair returns, but real state of business cannot be ascertained yet. Hulburt's furs were sent to Suydam, Jackson & Co. 2p. 2984

Aug. 16 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Error in accounts. Has been to Green Bay and Prairie du Chien. Robinson's skins are in. Would not accept Major Garland's paper money; asks if he shall send specie to Brewster. Only half of the amount due will be paid to the Indians; there is much competition for the trade. 1p. 2985

Aug. 16 -- Newark -- From William B. Woodruff

Is unable to pay note held by the Company. 1p. 2986

Aug. 17 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Henderson is returning to New York; re payment of charges. 1p. 2987

Aug. 18 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Have secured drawing of boat asked for; cost was \$3. 1p. 2988

Aug. 19 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Is experiencing difficulty with accounts. Has asked Bruce, transporting merchant, to give account for charges for provisions sent to Lac du Flambeau in 1837. Did not settle boundary lines in settlement with Lawe; will instruct Warren to observe old ones. If Lawe collects all Outfit debts, the Company will owe him. Wishes to know if the Company wants to make another contract for his services. 2p. 2989

Aug. 19 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Has shipped articles ordered. Re accounts. L.B.C. 5:268 2990

Aug. 19 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Has received Company's letters. L.B.C. 5:269 2991

Aug. 19 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London

Discusses the outlook for furs and skins. May be able to



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sell some otters at Canton. Encloses invoice for skins and furs. Directions about account of sales. Expects more deer skins fr the interior. L.B.C. 5:270-271 2992

Aug. 19 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Will endeavor to obtain fair prices for robes. Discusses drafts. Stephen Halsey hopes to pay some drafts without further aid. Discusses Ohio transportation rates. Suydam, Jackson & Co. will make payment for the government Indian goods. Details of accounts. Will begin delivery of robes soon. The prospects for beaver, otters and rats do not improve. Lampson advises not to ship otters to England. Woolens are much lower in England. L.B.C. 5:272-275 2993

Aug. 19 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Has referred Crooks's letter to the State Department. 1p. 2994

Aug. 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Regrets delay in the arrival of raccoon and deer skins; it is too late for sale. Demand for deer skins is still good; the beaver market is bad. Statement of stock of furs in London for the autumn sales. Most of goods in Rows' catalog belong to Hotte and Oppenheim; exporters may not buy much at Rows sale. Reports from Russia about the sale of fine raccoons are bad. 2p. 2995

Aug. 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Robert Campbell  
Encloses bill of lading for robes and beaver. 1p. 2996

Aug. 20 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Shipped 50 packs; Whetten shipped 450 Western Outfit packs. Robinson and Juneau have not arrived. 1p. 2997

Aug. 21 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Is grateful for explanation of intercourse between Montreal and the Red River Settlement. Will send robes as ordered. L.B.C. 5:276 2998

Aug. 21 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Statement of robes received from St. Louis. Re arrangements for forwarding robes to New York. Re freight rates. 3p. 2999

Aug. 21 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for robes. 1p. 3000

Aug. 21 -- Muncietown, Ind. -- William Gilbert to the Company  
Has been riding thru the country; finds many skins can be purchased, especially deer skins. Will buy for the Company, if funds are sent to him. 1p. 3001

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- Aug. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Remit draft which they have not been able to collect. 1p.  
(French) 3002
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Is grateful for statement of draught of boat. Encloses  
drafts to be collected. Robes will be \$4.50 each. L.B.C. 5:  
277 3003
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- To Beausoliel, Vallée, & Co., Montreal  
Will furnish robes if terms are satisfactory. L.B.C. 5:  
278 3004
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- To Benjamin Demers, Montreal  
Can furnish robes as requested. Details of terms. L.B.C.  
5:279 3005
- Aug. 22 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Financial crisis in America has extended to great con-  
traction in money transactions and general depression in every  
raw material and manufactured article in England. Reductions  
in some prices. 1p. 3006
- Aug. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Encloses bill of lading for box containing 1800 sovereigns  
for Gott & Sons. L.B.C. 5:280 3007
- Aug. 23 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Box containing sovereigns for Gotts has been shipped.  
Ordered blankets in France due to earlier high prices in Eng-  
land. Re woollens to be ordered soon. L.B.C. 5:281-282 3008
- Aug. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Will ship Detroit deer skins. Re accounts with W. O.  
Pickersgill. Discusses order for English guns. Has made re-  
mittance to Gott & Sons. L.B.C. 5:283-284 3009
- Aug. 23 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co.  
Statement of furs forwarded. Goods have been forwarded to  
the Lakes. 1p. 3010
- Aug. 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts. 1p. (French) 3011
- Aug. 24 -- Boston -- From James Boyd  
Inquires about the prices and the terms for the purchase  
of robes. 1p. 3012
- Aug. 24 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has ordered woollens from England. Has arranged about or-  
der of guns. French blankets are expected on time. Direc-  
tions about drafts. Has bought Sublette & Campbell's robes.  
L.B.C. 5:285 3013

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Aug. 24 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have received bill of lading and invoices of furs and have  
forwarded the same to Lampson. lp. 3014

Aug. 25 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal  
Re prices of robes. Prefers that Demers buy in person.  
L.B.C. 5:287 3015

Aug. 25 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Re goods to be forwarded to Abbott as early as possible.  
Wishes investigation of the delay in transporting property from  
Buffalo to New York. L.B.C. 5:288 3016

Aug. 25 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Certain guns on hand. Price is \$5.50. They are not equal  
to the samples sent to the Company. lp. 3017

Aug. 25 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Enclose draft. Wish robes and raccoons. lp. 3018

Aug. 25 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Has followed directions to call meeting of council of  
factors to deliberate on the affairs of the Northern Outfit.  
Encloses copy of deliberations. [Not enclosed.] Re objections  
of the Indians to the transfer of Ance Quivinan establishment  
to Pointe du Village. Re materials for barrel stuff. James  
Ermatinger will manage stave business during the winter. Plans  
for a supply of barrels. Isle Royale will become mainstay for  
fishing. The prospects are very good at Isle Royale and Grand  
Portage. Report of council contains opinion on the renewal of  
contract with Hudson's Bay Co. Urges the need of small vessel  
for fish transportation. Wishes to go to Washington to attend  
to claims of the Northern Outfit against the Indians. The  
blankets and guns received are of very inferior quality. Will  
need additional goods, if the annuities are to be paid at La-  
pointe. 4p. 3019

Aug. 26 -- New York -- To Mary Holiday, Mackinac  
Cannot supply funds to pay Mary's expenses to the South.  
L.B.C. 5:289 3020

Aug. 26 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Discusses financial situation. Regrets error about the  
blankets. Annexes a statement of robes and beaver purchased  
from Sublette & Campbell for the account of Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co. Suydam, Jackson & Co. have not received payment from the  
government for goods. L.B.C. 5:290-292 3021

Aug. 26 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Gives balance due the Company on account. Discusses ef-  
forts to collect a certain sum. Hotte's operations for the  
autumn sales were not a great menace. Hopes to get rid of his

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interference in America by next year. Can sell some bear skins for army purposes. Re deer skins sold. Details of goods and prices at Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Annexes account of sales of deer skins. 3p. 3022

Aug. 26 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for robes. 1p. 3023

Aug. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From John Macklot  
Details of directions received from Cabanne of St. Louis about payment to Macklot. 1p. 3024

Aug. 28 -- Montreal -- From Beausoliel, Vallée & Co.  
A member of the firm will see Crooks in New York and settle all transactions. Enclose credentials re business integrity. 1p. 3025

Aug. 28 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Re proposal for the sale of robes in Buffalo. L.B.C. 5:293 3026

Aug. 28 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 5:294 3027

Aug. 28 -- New York -- To John Macklot, Philadelphia  
Has drawn draft as directed. L.B.C. 5:295 3028

Aug. 28 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Cannot promise to take guns, as orders have been sent to England. L.B.C. 5:296 3029

Aug. 28 -- New York -- To Godfrey, Weber & Co., Philadelphia  
Re draft drawn at the order of John Macklot. L.B.C. 5:297 3030

Aug. 28 -- New York -- To James Boyd, Boston  
Will fill order for robes; terms of payment. L.B.C. 5:298 3031

Aug. 28 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Re prices for robes. L.B.C. 5:299 3032

Aug. 28 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re protested draft. L.B.C. 5:300 3033

Aug. 28 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co.  
Will forward goods to Mackinac as directed. Remarks on furs forwarded by Treat & Carter and delayed by breach in canal. 1p. 3034

Aug. 28 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Has seen Mr. Forwyth on the subject of Crooks's letter.

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By treaty of 1783 the line runs south of Isle Royal and the treaty of Ghent so considered it. Saw notice in St. Louis paper of the death of Auguste Berthold. lp. 3035

Aug. 29 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Details of Henderson's expenses. Discusses the kinds of funds to accept from Major Garland. Is surprised that Robinson and Juneau have not closed their accounts. Cannot advance money to Mary Holiday. Approves Brewster's filling the order for Lawe. Re shipment of goods. Advises that Biddle & Drew be paid by draft on Brewster. L.B.C. 5:301-303 3036

Aug. 29 -- New York -- To Jacot, Smith, Bryce & Jones, Present  
Discusses order for guns. L.B.C. 5:304 3037

Aug. 29 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Re accounts. Encloses letter from Europe. L.B.C. 5:305 3038

Aug. 29 -- New York -- To William A. Aitken, Lapointe  
Discusses a certain clause in the treaty about the payment of funds. The Company approves Aitken's management of Fond du Lac affairs. Will settle Scott's salary next season. L.B.C. 5:306-307 3039

Aug. 29 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Packs have arrived. Discusses Aitken's management at Fond du Lac. Commerce is completely paralyzed. There is no doubt that the prices of skins will decline. Hudson's Bay Co. will have a double crop in the market. Is completely discouraged about rats and beaver. Discusses Warren's claim inserted in the Indian treaty. Details of papers to be sent to the Company. Encloses copy of account with Borup. L.B.C. 5:308-311 3040

Aug. 29 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Has given attention to directions in Franchere's letters. Discusses filling Warren's place, if he comes to Washington about the treaty. L.B.C. 5:312-313 3041

Aug. 29 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Is pleased that the Saginaw business will soon be finished. Gives directions for Abbott about funds. Expects fish to continue high. Abbott may need assistance. Warren reports that Indians have sold land between Mississippi and Lake Superior for \$870,000. Aitken and Warren have claim in treaty for \$53,000. Wishes to know whether small vessel is needed on the lakes to collect the fish. Whetten bought Biddle & Drew's skins at fair rates. The prospects are dull in London. L.B.C. 5:314-317 3042

Aug. 29 -- Portsmouth -- Daniel Knight to John B. Whetten  
Changes order for robes. Expects to be in New York at the time of delivery. lp. 3043

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Aug. 29 -- Green Bay -- From Joseph Rolette

Account of 7 packs. If Sioux make treaty, the Company's claim should be \$40,000. A Chippewa treaty is to be made. 2p.  
3044

Aug. 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Ask instructions about certain drafts. Re bankrupt firms. 1p.  
3045

Aug. 30 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Schiwassa furs are in. Discusses affairs at Saginaw. The prices will be decided and the skins will be sent off as soon as Messrs. Williams come down. Goods for Lapointe has been sent on with those for Montreal. Directions to Abbott regarding his specie. 2p.  
3046

Aug. 30 -- Boston -- From James Boyd

Is not satisfied with the terms of payment for robes proposed by Crooks. Discusses Boyd's financial status. Offers certain notes in payment for robes. 2p.  
3047

Aug. 30 -- New York -- To William Gilbert, Muncie Town, Ind.

Cannot accept Gilbert's offer to buy skins for the Company. L.B.O. 5:318  
3048

Aug. 30 -- New York -- To Gillespie, Moffatt, Jamison & Co.,  
Montreal

Wishes to know the financial standing of Beausoliel, Vallée & Co., and of Benjamin Demers & Co. L.B.O. 5:319  
3049

Aug. 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Encloses duplicate of letter of Aug. 29. L.B.O. 5:320  
3050

Aug. 30 -- New York -- To Samuel Jandon, Cashier Bank of  
United States, Philadelphia

Directions for procedure in the case of a protested bill. L.B.O. 5:321  
3051

Aug. 30 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.

Wish robes as soon as possible. 1p.  
3052

Aug. 30 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re accounts and drafts. Instructions about accounts with Halsey & Co. Prospects for otters, beavers, and rats are not favorable. 1p. (French)  
3053

Aug. 31 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield

Lists bills of exchange in payment of accounts. Annexes order for goods. L.B.O. 5:322  
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Aug. 31 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
 Account is correct. Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. will pay  
 the balance due Gotts. Wishes to have woollens shipped as early  
 as possible. L.B.C. 5:323-325 3055

Aug. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
 Account current to June 1 is correct. Directions about  
 bill for twine. L.B.C. 5:326 3056

Aug. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Re accounts. Has ordered goods from Leeds and Sheffield.  
 L.B.C. 5:327-328 3057

Aug. 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Discusses the prospects for sales. Remarks on condition  
 of affairs with Wildes & Co. Trade is very dull. L.B.C. 5:  
 329-331 3058

Aug. 31 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co. (per G. K. Coats)  
 Will act as agent for the Company in the sale of robes.  
 Re shipment of furs from Mackinac and Green Bay region. Error  
 in recent charges. lp. 3059

Aug. 31 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
 Statement of additional robes received from St. Louis.  
 Re freight rates to New York. 2p. 3060

Aug. 31 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
 Acknowledge letter from Crooks approving of arrangement  
 made with Lampson. The Company will consign future shipments  
 directly to Lampson. lp. 3061

Aug. 31 -- Newark -- From William B. Woodruff  
 Discusses position of bankrupt firm. lp. 3062

Sept. 1 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
 Details of drafts and accounts. L.B.C. 5:332 3063

Sept. 1 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
 Orders buffalo robes of this year's collection to be de-  
 livered at once. Asks for prices of different kinds of robes.  
 lp. 3064

Sept. 1 -- Birmingham, England -- From William Jacot  
 Has received usual order for Northwest guns; will observe  
 instructions about special features, so as to have guns suit-  
 able for the Company's trade. lp. 3065

Sept. 1 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
 Enclose bill of lading for robes. lp. 3066

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- Sept. 1 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of drafts accepted. lp. 3067
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Valhe of Isle Royale depends wholly on the fisheries. Is  
grateful for the information obtained from the Department of  
State about the boundary between Canada and the United States  
in Lake Superior. L.B.C. 5:333 3068
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts, drafts, notes, etc. Cannot sell ot-  
ters, beaver, or muskrats. Gives prices of robes. Powell has  
not yet appeared. L.B.C. 5:334-335 3069
- Sept. 2 -- Montreal -- From Gillespie, Moffatt, Jamison & Co.  
Regret that McLeod cannot be moved to look for the Rolette  
papers. Fear claim is now entirely lost. Montreal drafts are  
payable at New York subject to 3 per cent charge. Mention cer-  
tain Montreal firms that have good credit. lp. 3070
- Sept. 2 -- Bank of U. S., Philadelphia -- From Samuel Jaudon  
(Cashier)  
Encloses protested bill for \$1000. lp. 3071
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- From Suydam, Jackson & Co.  
Have received drafts from United States for goods de-  
livered at St. Louis. Drafts on land offices at Detroit. lp. 3072
- Sept. 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Will give attention to Bromley's claim. Statement of ac-  
counts. lp. 3073
- Sept. 4 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has shipped Northern Department furs. Messrs. Williams  
are in town; hopes settlement of their affairs will not pre-  
vent his going to Lapointe. lp. 3074
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To Gracie & Sargent, Present  
Details about a protested bill which has been returned.  
L.B.C. 5:336 3075
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Co., Boston  
Encloses bill for robes. Statement of accounts. L.B.C.  
5:337 3076
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
Can fill order for robes. Re terms of sale. L.B.C. 5:338 3077
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Draft for balance of account is correct. May need assist-



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- ance in the Bromley affair. L.B.C. 5:339 3078
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Will ship robes soon. Has no raccoons at present. L.B.C. 5:340 3079
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To James Boyd, Boston  
Discusses terms on which robes will be sold. L.B.C. 5:341 3080
- Sept. 4 -- Montreal -- From G. S. Rodier  
Recommends Beausoleil as a reliable and successful business man. lp. 3081
- Sept. 5 -- New York -- To Pierce & Son, St. John's  
Re robes to be forwarded to Vallee, Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 5:342 3082
- Sept. 5 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Has shipped robes. L.B.C. 5:343 3083
- Sept. 5 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co. (per G. K. Coats)  
Have forwarded furs received from Detroit. Lake freight bill charged to the Company. lp. 3084
- Sept. 5 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
The Company gives too short term of credit. Orders sea-sonable skins. Details of terms desired. Directs robes to be insured. 2p. 3085
- Sept. 5 -- Green Bay -- From John B. Whetten  
Has not succeeded in collecting any more money from Grignon. Furs are still delayed at portage. Will go to the Prairie on Sept. 6. Rolette expects to go to Washington. Sibley has gone to Washington with a deputation of Sioux. Abbott has some idea of purchasing stock at Mackinac. Has little faith in Biddle & Drew. 3p. 3086
- Sept. 6 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Re error in account current. Hope balance of robes has been shipped. lp. 3087
- Sept. 6 -- New York -- To Pierce & Son, St. John's  
Annexes receipt from Hudson River Line for robes shipped. L.B.C. 5:344 3088
- Sept. 6 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts. Lampson has sold deer skins at public sale at better prices than were expected. Robes are selling rapidly. L.B.C. 5:345 3089

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Sept. 6 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Encloses marked catalog showing particulars of the sale, which resulted exceedingly satisfactorily. Details of prices of furs. Hudson's Bay Co.'s effort to sell their beaver at auction has failed. Gives prices at Rows' sale. Hotte & Oppenheim bid in nearly all of New York collection. Has heard that Lees have purchased Hudson's Bay Co.'s beaver. 3p. 3090

Sept. 7 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Abbott's specie is depleted by Whetten's drafts. Brewster's directions and arrangements for funds. Banks will not draw on New York. Will inquire about the prospects for the sales of robes along the lakes; sales of robes. Northern Outfit affairs will be improved if \$53,000 allowed in St. Peter's treaty is received. If Warren would be away long, it would be better for Crooks to go to Washington. Fall sales will decide advisability of keeping furs for the spring sale. Agrees with Lampson that competition in American buying must cease. Lampson must not advise rivals, if he has interest in the Company. Approves of prices obtained for skins. 3p. 3091

Sept. 7 -- Boston -- From James Boyd

Considers terms offered for sale of robes desirable. States terms of commission to Boyd. Authorizes Crooks to make agreement with his son for robes. 3p. 3092

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To Alphonse Loubat, Present

Re change in order for blankets and directions for shipping. L.B.C. 5:346-347 3093

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds

Re order for goods. Business has revived to moderate extent. L.B.C. 5:348 3094

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield

Encloses order for goods. Wishes shipment sent with goods from Gotts. Re proposal for payment. L.B.C. 5:349 3095

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Prices obtained for deer skins exceeded the Company's expectations. Details about goods ordered from Leeds and Sheffield. L.B.C. 5:350 3096

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Has received marked catalog of deer skin sale. Re deer skins ready to ship. Details of accounts with Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. L.B.C. 5:351-352 3097

Sept. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re instructions about sales account. Remark on superiority

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of the upper Missouri robes. Are gratified that the Company has arranged for blankets and guns. Re drafts. Cabanne desires Sanford to purchase three slaves for him. 2p. (French) 3098

Sept. 8 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Robinson has arrived; re poor state of Grand River Outfit affairs; Juneau's will be no better. Will follow instructions about money upon Major Garland's return. Does not think Warren should go to Washington about claim; Franchere cannot leave Sault. Advises ammunition be purchased in New York. Indians will be paid in a few days. 2p. 3099

Sept. 8 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Annexes bill for robes shipped. L.B.C. 5:353 3100

Sept. 8 -- New York -- To Pierce & Son, St. John's  
Annexes receipts for robes shipped for Demers & Co. and for Vallee, Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 5:354 3101

Sept. 8 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses bill for robes shipped to St. John's. L.B.C. 5:355 3102

Sept. 8 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal  
Details about shipment of robes. L.B.C. 5:356 3103

Sept. 9 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Will send the remainder of robes. L.B.C. 5:357 3104

Sept. 9 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
Has shipped robes. L.B.C. 5:358 3105

Sept. 9 -- New York -- To Beausoliel, Vallée, & Co., Montreal  
Will fill order for robes on the same terms as orders for others are filled. Re accounts. Robes are not insured. L.B.C. 5:359 3106

Sept. 9 -- New York -- To Pierce & Son, St. John's  
Re shipment of robes for Beausoliel, Vallée & Co. L.B.C. 5:360 3107

Sept. 9 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoice and bill of lading for furs and skins. Desires early sales. All shipments are fully insured. L.B.C. 5:361 3108

Sept. 9 -- Ipswich, Massachusetts -- From Z. P. Grant (per H. Cutter)  
Jane Holiday is in need of funds. Asks for \$200. 1p. 3109

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Sept. 9 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Some beaver could now be sold to advantage. Beaver at Hudson's Bay Co.'s house has been taken on speculation; purchase amounts to about \$40,000. Discusses the results of Rows' sale. Hottel will have some profits; unless something is done to prevent his continued interference in the trade, his purchases will go far towards breaking up the London market for such goods as are sold to our Leipsic exporters. 3p. 3110

Sept. 9 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

List of furs and robes forwarded to the Company. 2p. 3111

Sept. 9 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Confirm certain account of sales transmitted by Lampson to the Company. 1p. 3112

Sept. 11 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston

Annexes bill of lading for shipment of robes. Mentions kinds of robes that the Company can supply. L.B.O. 5:362 3113

Sept. 11 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Encloses bill of lading for shipment of robes. Discusses accounts. Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.O. 5:363 3114

Sept. 11 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Do not want raccoon skins. Re drafts paid. 1p. 3115

Sept. 12 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Major Garland will pay \$27,000 in New York drafts; direction for crediting it. Indians received little money and traders will not benefit; Mackinac Indians refused to accept goods. Lawe is on his way to New York. 2p. 3116

Sept. 12 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford

Discusses robes on hands and the prospects for filling orders. Gives prices. L.B.O. 5:364 3117

Sept. 12 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Requests that certain payment be made at the order of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Chouteau desires to dispose of his property near Montreal. Outlines proposed terms of sale. L.B.O. 5:365. 3118

Sept. 12 -- New York -- To Daniel Knight, Portsmouth

Can fill entire order for robes; details of prices. L.B.O. 5:366 3119

Sept. 12 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole

Will allow Bellows to sell robes on commission or will supply robes for sale as usual. L.B.O. 5:367 3120

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- Sept. 12 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Franchere has been to Isle Royale; fisheries promise well. There are not sufficient barrel stuff and salt at Isle Royale. Fish are of the finest kind. Re papers forwarded by Livingston. 2p. 3121
- Sept. 13 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates  
Sketches offers made to Powell for robes. 1p. 3122
- Sept. 13 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose draft to be collected. 1p. 3123
- Sept. 14 -- Mackinac -- From John Agnew  
Requests the Company to purchase watch for him. 1p. 3124
- Sept. 14 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Details of packs received. Re shipment of robes and discussion of prices to be charged for robes. Does not wish to have competition with Brewster. Discusses terms for the sale of robes. L.B.O. 5:368-369 3125
- Sept. 14 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.  
Enclose draft in payment of robes. 1p. 3126
- Sept. 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Re account of sales of deer skins and furs. Discusses financial arrangements between the Company and Lampson and Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. Suggests that the Company always order guns from Lacey & Co. 1p. 3127
- Sept. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Directions about draft from Commissioner of Indian Affairs. 1p. 3128
- Sept. 15 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re funds received from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for which check is enclosed. L.B.O. 5:370 3129
- Sept. 15 -- New York -- To Miss Z. P. Grant, Ipswich  
Has not received funds to meet bill for Jane Holiday. Expects remittance from Lieut. Jamison soon. L. B. O. 5:371 3130
- Sept. 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has received part of Western Outfit returns and the remainder of Mackinac skins. Will not make any further shipments for October sales. L.B.O. 5:372 3131
- Sept. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Discuss accounts. Think Sanford had better sell his drafts in Virginia. Regret decline in the prices of otters and

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beaver. Expect to receive mountain beaver in October. Expect principal chiefs of Sacs and Foxes to arrive today on their way to Washington. 2p. (French) 3132

Sept. 15 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have received bill of lading for box of 1800 sovereigns for Gotts. Statement of account of sales received from Lampson. lp. 3133

Sept. 16 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Accounts current. Discussion of Powell's robes. L.B.C. 5:373 3134

Sept. 16 -- New York -- To William A. Aitken, Lapointe  
Urges the strictest economy in business. Does not expect much revival in trade before spring. Must reduce prices to be paid Indians for peltries. Need not fear competition from Baker. L.B.C. 5:374-375 3135

Sept. 16 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Part of peltries have been received. Matters between Warren and Newton must be settled without any help from Crooks. Details of accounts. The Company must buy more cheaply or stop trade. L.B.C. 5:376 3136

Sept. 16 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
The Company is satisfied to retain Dr. Borup. Agreement with Livingston is fair. Regrets poor management of the fishing affairs at Lapointe. Discussion of the selection of captain if a new boat is built. Re division of proceeds of Hudson's Bay Co.'s draft. Hopes Warren will not think it necessary to come to Washington. Details of drafts credited to St. Mary's Outfit. L.B.C. 5:377-379 3137

Sept. 16 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Designates packs received and packs on way from Buffalo. Discussion of Borup's relations with the Company. L.B.C. 5:380 3138

Sept. 16 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Encloses bill of lading for robes. lp. 3139

Sept. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have received check in payment of draft from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Enclose draft and check to be collected. lp. 3140

Sept. 17 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Order for 25 bales of robes to be forwarded to J. R. Warner, Utica, but to be charged to Knower's account. lp. 3141

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- Sept. 18 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal  
Details of drafts and accounts. L.B.C. 5:381 3142
- Sept. 18 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has received check. Discussion of plan to dispose of  
goods offered by Bromley. L.B.C. 5:382-383 3143
- Sept. 18 -- New York -- From Suydam, Jackson & Co.  
Wish to borrow \$5000. lp. 3144
- Sept. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Encloses expose of affairs of Schiawassa and Saginaw out-  
fits and settlement made. Has received government drafts on  
Garland. Abbott will be unable to send funds for some time.  
Lawe and Rolette on their way to Washington. Brewster must go  
to Lapointe in time to catch the "Astor" at the Sault on last  
trip. lp. 3145
- Sept. 18 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Enclose draft. Re information obtained about Chouteau's  
property. lp. 3146
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Concerning a draft drawn in favor of W. C. Pickersgill.  
L.B.C. 5:390 3147
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knowler, Albany  
Has shipped robes. L.B.C. 5:384 3148
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Sends accounts current. Has annulled order for rice and  
will not send any raccoons. L.B.C. 5:385 3149
- Sept. 19 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley  
The Secretary of War has decided to assemble the Indians  
Sept. 21 without awaiting the arrival of Gov. Dodge; advises  
Crooks to come to Washington. lp. 3150
- Sept. 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discuss efforts to make settlement with Bromley. Re dif-  
ficulties in getting certain accounts paid. lp. 3151
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- From W. C. Pickersgill  
Re directions to Crooks to draw bill of exchange against  
advances made on shipment of furs. lp. 3152
- Sept. 20 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Will ship furs and skins on hand Sept. 21. lp. 3153
- Sept. 20 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has decided to close arrangement with Bromley. Discusses

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the probable purchasers of Bromley's goods. Re bills to be paid for A. P. Chouteau's son at school. L.B.C. 5:386-387

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Sept. 20 -- New York -- To Pierce & Son, St. John's

Has shipped robes to be forwarded to Demers & Co. L.B.C. 5:388

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Sept. 20 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal

Has shipped robes to St. John's. Annexes bill. Can supply a few more robes. L.B.C. 5:389

3156

Sept. 20 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

All Lake Superior skins have arrived. Northern returns are short in beaver, otters and muskrats but have an excess of martins and lynxs. Regrets that Rows have secured so many skins. L.B.C. 5:391

3157

Sept. 20 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Does not expect any alteration in the price of beaver soon. Lees evidently secured beaver from Hudson's Bay Co. at low prices. Several deer skin buyers have sold their stock on the continent and are ready for the next sale. lp.

3158

Sept. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Report of sales of deer skins in England is very satisfactory. Enclose Treasury notes to be credited on account. On Sept. 18 Chouteau remitted to the Company a letter from Webster. The Winnebagoes will leave Sept. 20 for Washington. Re remittance from the Western Outfit. lp. (French)

3159

Sept. 20 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Annex statement of account with A. P. Chouteau. Further efforts to settle with Bromley. lp.

3160

Sept. 21 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Juneau arrived; re Mackinac Outfit accounts. Whetten has gone to the Mississippis via Chicago. Instructed Eberts of Green Bay to inspect all packs before they were sent. The Company's store received little of the Indian trade. lp.

3161

Sept. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From H. Bromley

Has been advised by Siter, Price & Co. to address the Company about the settlement of note. Bromley refuses to comply with a requisition. lp.

3162

Sept. 21 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of accounts. Discussion of the use of funds realized from the sale of Halsey & Co.'s property. Hopes to have final settlement with Suydam, Jackson & Co. soon. Is gratified at the approval of the purchase of Sublette & Campbell's re-



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turns. Powell has been to Boston to sell his returns. L.B.C. 5:392-394 3163

Sept. 21 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Has shipped robes as requested. L.B.C. 5:395 3164

Sept. 21 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.  
Have received robes. lp. 3165

Sept. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose Treasury warrant and draft to be credited on account. lp. (French) 3166

Sept. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Statement of financial affairs with A. P. Chouteau.  
Bromley's proposal to furnish caps in payment of debt. Desire additional instructions from the Company. lp. 3167

Sept. 22 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Sends invoice of furs and beeswax which were sent Sept. 21. This shipment will probably be the last of the season. Will not be able to go to Lapointe. Fish are selling slowly. lp. 3168

Sept. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. Sanford will start Sept. 22 for Washington lp. 3169

Sept. 22 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Order for robes. lp. 3170

Sept. 22 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Have received robes. Re quality of these robes. Fear the market for robes will not be good. 2p. 3171

Sept. 23 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Encloses abstract of account to date. Has shipped robes. L.B.C. 5:396 3172

Sept. 23 -- New York -- To Pierce & Son, St. John's  
Has shipped robes to be forwarded to Vallee, Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 5:397 3173

Sept. 23 -- New York -- To Flewelling, Cashier National Bank  
Re directions about drafts to be paid. L.B.C. 5:398 3174

Sept. 23 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Washington  
Crooks cannot reach Washington immediately; wishes matters arranged so as to require the least time possible from Crooks. L.B.C. 5:399 3175

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- Sept. 23 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Describes caps most desirable in Bromley's collection.  
Will refund part of the sum advanced by Siter, Price & Co. for  
A. P. Chouteau. Expects A. P. Chouteau in New York soon.  
L.B.C. 5:400-401 3176
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- To H. Bromley, Philadelphia  
Has given instructions to Siter, Price & Co. to close  
matters with Bromley. L.B.C. 5:402 3177
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- To Pearson & Son, Baltimore  
Concerning checks. L.B.C. 5:403 3178
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Regrets late shipment of peltries. Goods offered by Rows  
came from Hotte and Oppenheim who will likely have serious  
loss. Annexes list of furs and skins soon to be shipped.  
L.B.C. 5:404-405 3179
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Hopes peltries arrived in time for Lampson's sale. L.B.C.  
5:406 3180
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Is happy that Gotts still have confidence in the Company.  
Order for woolens. L.B.C. 5:407 3181
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Regrets difficulty in understanding accounts. Hopes  
Whetten will aid in disentangling matters. Directions about  
certain items on accounts. All returns from Mackinac arrived  
in good order and have been shipped. Hopes Abbott will succeed  
in closing Grand River Outfit. Fears Milwaukee Outfit will be  
worse than Grand River. The Company is no better off in money  
matters. Treasury warrants are almost down to par. Rolette  
and Sibley are at Washington with a delegation of Sioux Indians  
who may be asked by the Government to cede part of their lands  
east of the Mississippi. Whetten has reported being unable to  
settle with Augustin Grignon at Green Bay. L.B.C. 5:408-410  
3182
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Crooks is leaving at once for Washington, as the Sioux  
Indians are expected to make a treaty. Rolette and Sibley de-  
sire Crooks to be present. Hopes Brewster has finished with  
the horrible Saginaw Outfit. Cannot raise money for Brewster  
on mortgage at any rate. L.B.C. 5:411-412 3183
- Sept. 23 -- Frederick -- From Ebert & Sons  
Details of order for deer skins. lp. 3184

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Sept. 23 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt

Request that the Company deliver robes to the bearer of letter and forward the bill to Stocking & Hunt. lp. 3185

Sept. 23 -- Washington -- From Daniel Webster

Has learned that his note given to Chouteau is held by the Company. Cannot meet payment in present state of affairs; will endeavor to make satisfactory arrangement when in New York. lp. 3186

Sept. 25 -- Montreal -- From Beausoliel, Vallée & Co.

Robes have been received and are satisfactory. Request the price of calf robes. lp. 3187

Sept. 25 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica

Robes have been shipped. Annexes invoice. L.B.C. 5:413 3188

Sept. 25 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for trunk forwarded at the order of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 3189

Sept. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Have purchased check on New York as directed. Have no satisfactory arrangement with Bromley yet. lp. 3190

Sept. 25 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt

Re payment for robes and order for additional robes. lp. 3191

Sept. 26 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows

General business and money conditions indicate that robes will not sell well. Re directions for forwarding robes to certain firm. lp. 3192

Sept. 26 -- New York -- -- James to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Is grateful for check which was collected. L.B.C. 5:414 3193

Sept. 26 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg

Requests information about kind of skins on hand and the prices of the same. lp. 3194

Sept. 27 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Mary Holiday

John Holiday has returned from Lapointe. Holiday has made propositions to Crooks thru Franchere. lp. 3195

Sept. 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Annex protest of officers of steamboat relating to accident on the Missouri where lead and hatchets were lost; re-

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quest the Company to claim insurance. Have no news of returns from the mountains. 1p. (French) 3196

Sept. 28 -- New York -- To Withington & Willson, Boston  
Terms for robes. If robes are ordered, directions should be given in regard to shipment. L.B.C. 5:415 3197

Sept. 28 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.  
Will have some grey deer and bear skins soon. Re prices. L.B.C. 5:416 3198

Sept. 28 -- New York -- To Ebert & Sons, Frederick, Md.  
Can supply some Detroit grey deer skins soon. Re prices. L.B.C. 5:417 3199

Sept. 28 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 5:418 3200

Sept. 28 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Directions about accounts. Is pleased that affairs with Bromley are settled. L.B.C. 5:419 3201

Sept. 28 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal  
Robes were shipped before directions to retain part of order were received. L.B.C. 5:420 3202

Sept. 28 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Regrets that robes are not satisfactory. Discussion of quality of robes and the prices. L.B.C. 5:421 3203

Sept. 28 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Everything is exceedingly quiet in the fur market. Furriers are doing a fair business. Annexes statement of all account sales rendered to date and the estimated value of goods now on hand. Jacot assures Lampson that guns will be forwarded promptly. 3p. 3204

Sept. 28 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of accounts. Enclose draft. 1p. 3205

Sept. 28 -- Prairie du Chien -- From John B. Whetten  
Dousman is attending Winnebago payment at the portage. Dousman has fair supply of goods. Is still engaged in making inventories. Account of Dupois' claim against the Sac and Fox Indians. 2p. 3206

Sept. 29 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Have received remittance from the Company. Request the Company's opinion of qualities of French and English blankets. Abundant harvest has increased country trade. Enclose statement of account current. 2p. 3207

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Sept. 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Enclose John Garland's check to be credited on account.  
Re drafts. Sanford has left for Washington. lp. (French)

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Sept. 29 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley (First Letter)

Indians accepted \$1,000,000; \$97,000 allowed for claims,  
\$100,000 to half breeds; treaty is to be signed Sept. 29. Will  
protest to Commissioner if Bailly presents account of Bailly  
Outfit in his own name. lp.

3209

Sept. 29 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley (Second Letter)

Derogatory remarks about Indian treaty just signed. Sus-  
picions about Scott Campbell have been confirmed; he received  
lands and annuity. Half breeds are exasperated. Gov. Dodge  
is expected this evening. lp.

3210

Sept. 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Discussion of relations with A. P. Chouteau. Have ar-  
ranged with Bromley to take caps. lp.

3211

Sept. 30 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Washington

Regrets that he did not hear from Sibley concerning the  
progress of the treaty. Re reports in the papers of terms de-  
sired by the government. Directions about enclosed check.  
The Winnebagoes have left for St. Louis. L.B.C. 5:422-423

3212

Sept. 30 -- New York -- To Beausoliel, Vallée & Co., Montreal

Is grateful that robes are satisfactory. Re prices for  
calf robes. L.B.C. 5:424

3213

Sept. 30 -- New York -- To Josiah Bellows, Walpole

Hopes to forward robes soon. Is grateful for information  
about robes Powell has placed in the hands of Barnard, Adams &  
Co. L.B.C. 5:425

3214

Sept. 30 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica

Encloses bill for robes. L.B.C. 5:426

3215

Sept. 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Encloses invoices for shipments of skins and furs valued  
at \$43566. Re bill of exchange on Liverpool. L.B.C. 5:427

3216

Sept. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re furs and skins shipped to Lampson and bill of exchange  
drawn. L.B.C. 5:428

3217

Sept. 30 -- Frederick -- From Ebert & Sons

Order for skins. lp.

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- Sept. 30 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have supply of rifles on hand; wish to have order for  
rifles decreased. Re order for scarlet flannel. 1p. (French)  
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- Sept. 30 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Annex receipt for caps from Bromley. Ask the Company to  
examine cases of caps on their arrival. 1p. 3220
- Sept. 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Will write to B. Gott & Sons and to Hiram Cutler respect-  
ing the Company's orders. Confirm statement of account of  
sales made by Lampson. 2p. 3221
- Oct. 1 -- New York -- Albinola, Tinella & Petrolini to the Com-  
pany  
Circular -- Have established mercantile house for the  
transaction of general agency and commission business. Petro-  
lini will reside at Milan. 1p. 3222
- Oct. 1 -- Lapointe -- Charles W. Borup to William Brewster  
Shipment of salt and tallow has arrived. Re order for  
provisions for next year. Much salt is wasted by breaking of  
barrels. Provisions for this year were all excellent except  
mess beef and cheese. Men prefer coarse salt for fish. 2p.  
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- Oct. 1 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Wishes to know if Whetten's statement is true that Abbott  
is not a Company stockholder. Livingston is on his way to New  
York from the Sault; he is dissatisfied with the conduct of  
business in the North. Is busy closing the year's business.  
1p. 3224
- Oct. 2 -- New York -- From John M. Catlin  
Re furs wanted by Hickok. 1p. 3225
- Oct. 2 -- New York -- To Pearson & Son, Baltimore  
Expects fresh parcel of Detroit muskrats; will ship order  
soon. L.B.C. 5:429 3226
- Oct. 2 -- New York -- To Hon. Daniel Webster, Washington  
Has withdrawn Webster's note from the bank; expects Web-  
ster to make provision for it soon. Notes endorsed by Webster  
are left in the bank for collection. L.B.C. 5:430 3227
- Oct. 2 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Washington  
The Company's worst apprehensions are realized in Sioux  
treaty. Hopes Bailly will not differ about the manner of pre-  
senting claim of Bailly Outfit. Hopes Gov. Dodge is in Wash-  
ington and that treaty with Winnebagoes will be different from  
Sioux. L.B.C. 5:431-432 3228

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- Oct. 2 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has received goods from Bromley. Re letter of credit given  
by Pierre Chouteau. L.B.O. 5:433 3229
- Oct. 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Abel Wyman  
Encloses draft for robes. Re directions for the delivery  
of robes. lp. 3230
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- To -- Wheelock, Boston  
Re shipment of robes for Bellows & Peck. L.B.O. 5:434 3231
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- To Bellows & Peck, Walpole  
Has shipped robes as directed. Discusses prices at which  
robes should be sold. Re order for socks. L.B.O. 5:435 3232
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- To Abel Wyman, Philadelphia  
Re draft and bill for robes. L.B.O. 5:436 3233
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Has forwarded robes. L.B.O. 5:437 3234
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- To John B. Whetten, Mackinac  
Is pleased that there is hope of getting some payment from  
Green Bay debtors. Money from Major Garland has been received.  
Mackinac returns have arrived in good order. Fears Western  
Outfit packs will be late. Sibley and Rolette are in Washing-  
ton. Sioux treaty is not at all to the Company's liking. Pre-  
fers that Abbott take all goods at Mackinac for his own ac-  
count. Abbott is old and faithful servant; Crooks is disposed  
to meet his wishes as far as possible. Is receiving some money  
for robes. L.B.O. 5:438-440 3235
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Has received funds from Brewster. Regrets that the Indi-  
ans got little money but prefers that to government goods. Is  
pleased that Abbott has had settlement with Juneau. Approves  
Abbott's order to Eberts. L.B.O. 5:441 3236
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Discusses supplying funds, rate of  
exchange, etc. Re the sale of robes. L.B.O. 5:442-443 3237
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- To -- Averill, Hartford  
Re shipment of robes for Bellows & Peck. L.B.O. 5:444 3238
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Encloses bill of lading for robes. L.B.O. 5:445 3239
- Oct. 3 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co.  
Re Brewster's prices of buffalo robes. Trade is dull.  
lp. 3240

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- Oct. 3 -- Washington -- From John Lawe  
Received \$200 from Sibley. Taliaferro said individual claims against the Sioux must be sent to St. Peter's to be examined. 1p. 3241
- Oct. 3 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Order for grey deer skins and bear skins. 1p. 3242
- Oct. 3 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft. Order for robes. 1p. 3243
- Oct. 4 -- Venice -- Fratelli Coen di Benedetto to the Company  
Are glad to learn from their agent that the Company will purchase beads from them. Have facilities for filling orders promptly. Will allow discount on prices quoted in pattern books. The Company must have a place of credit in Europe, as London or Paris. 2p. 3244
- Oct. 4 -- New York -- To Withington & Willson, Boston  
Annexes bill for robes shipped. L.B.C. 5:446 3245
- Oct. 4 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re accounts. Re drafts of Wilson P. Hunt on Halsey & Co. not yet paid. Remit Treasury warrants to be credited on account. 1p. (French) 3246
- Oct. 4 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Has given money for expenses to the Company's people attached to the delegation. Taliaferro will probably go to Wheeling with the Indians and then resign. Expects Winnebagoes soon. The Sacs and Foxes are in Washington with their agent and Davenport. Claims under the Sioux treaty are to be treated as usual. Lyons and Col. Jones will try to cut Scott Campbell's annuity and land from the treaty in the Senate. 2p. 3247
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To Abel Wyman, Philadelphia  
Has delivered robes to Pike. Has shipped robes to Philadelphia. L.B.C. 5:447 3248
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To Jean P. Cabanné, St. Louis  
Re funds furnished to Cabanné's son. Annexes account. L.B.C. 5:448 3249
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To Justus McKinstry, Hudson, New York  
Encloses note for collection. L.B.C. 5:449 3250
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Details of accounts. Re arrangements for shipping robes. L.B.C. 5:450 3251



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- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To John Agnew, Sault Ste. Marie  
Watch has been purchased and sent to Agnew. L.B.C. 5:451  
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- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To Pearson & Son, Baltimore  
Encloses draft to be collected. The Company will have fur  
sale Oct. 19. L.B.C. 5:452 3253
- Oct. 5 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Reports of the first week of the Leipzig fair indicate  
little business. Furriers in London are doing a better business  
than was expected. Some musquash has arrived from New York;  
it is not saleable. Is glad the Company has some demand for  
common deer skins at better prices than in London. Latest con-  
signment of deer skins is very fine. Will look for twine or-  
dered of Gotts. 2p. 3254
- Oct. 5 -- Pierry near Epernay -- From -- Loisson  
Has shipped champagne for Baraga. Does not know amount of  
charges on it. Encloses letter to be forwarded to Baraga. 1p.  
(French) 3255
- Oct. 5 -- Baltimore -- From Pearson & Son  
Discussion of L. H. Rogers' note due the Company. Des-  
cribe kind of muskrats wanted. 1p. 3256
- Oct. 5 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Details of the general council of Sioux, Sac and Fox  
tribes called by the government to make peace; thinks hostili-  
ties will be renewed. Stambaugh came as far as Wheeling with  
Winnebagoes and says they will not arrive for five days. 1p.  
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- Oct. 6 -- Montreal -- From Beausoliel, Vallee, & Co.  
Consider the price of calf robes too high. The market is  
overstocked with robes. 1p. 3258
- Oct. 6 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
It was well he did not plan to go to Lapointe. Requests  
that R. Hyslop & Co. be informed he holds Michigan money from  
certificate subject to order. Livingston is on his way to New  
York with proceedings of council; Borup reports there was  
trouble in the Portages. Regrets the necessity of Warren's ab-  
sence from his post; advises that he arrange affairs in New  
York quickly. Hopes Pickersgill will try to find out Frazer.  
Requests that kedge anchors be bought for Franchere's new boat.  
Has ordered coarse salt for Northern Outfit. The "Astor" was  
unable to take to Lapointe all articles sent to the Sault. 2p.  
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- Oct. 6 -- New York -- To Lieut. Jamison, Chicago  
 Bill from Miss Grant for Jane Holiday's school expenses.  
 Annexes statement of Jamison's account with the Company.  
 L.B.O. 5:453 3260
- Oct. 6 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
 Concerning the reduction in the price on a shipment of inferior robes. L.B.O. 5:454 3261
- Oct. 6 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Details of drafts. Has written Webster about notes. Will settle claim with Suydam, Jackson & Co. soon. Has no reports of London sales. Discusses assets of Halsey & Co. Re account with Cabanne. Loubat has assurances from France that robes will be delivered in time. Gives prices of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Has sold 20,000 of Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s robes. Powell's robes have not appeared in market. Annexes memorandum of Hunt's account with the Company. L.B.O. 5:455-459 3262
- Oct. 6 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
 Will give prompt attention to the filling of orders. Are pleased with signs of returning confidence in United States which appear in the ease of the money market. lp. 3263
- Oct. 6 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
 Cancels part of order for robes. The Company's prices are too high and credit too short. lp. 3264
- Oct. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Re directions about draft on Montreal. Money is always scarce but may get some aid from bank. lp. (French) 3265
- Oct. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Re letter of credit given by P. Chouteau, Jr. on Siter, Price & Co. lp. 3266
- Oct. 6 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
 Point out error in filling order for twine; have refunded full invoice prices. lp. 3267
- Oct. 7 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
 Terms for the sale of robes. Robes maybe sold in Pa. and upper Canada. Indicates parcels to be shipped. L.B.O. 5:460-461 3268
- Oct. 7 -- New York -- To Rev. Clement Hammer, Detroit  
 Has forwarded boxes received from Trieste. L.B.O. 5:462 3269
- Oct. 7 -- New York -- To A. Bolmar, West Chester, Pa.  
 Has been instructed by Pierre Chouteau, Jr. to pay the school expenses of his nephew, Sylvester Chouteau. L.B.O. 5:463 3270

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Oct. 7 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Washington

Lawe's presence in Washington is necessary during negotiations of the government with the Winnebagoes. Expects the Indians and Gov. Dodge to arrive soon. Has forwarded blankets to Green Bay. Re directions about these goods. Will have articles for Lawe's daughters sent soon. L.B.C. 5:464-465 3271

Oct. 7 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Washington

Discussion of Indian treaties in progress. Hopes Dodge will be examiner of claims under Sioux treaty. Think Sibley and Rolette should maintain their rights firmly in negotiations between the government and the Winnebagoes. L.B.C. 5:466-467 3272

Oct. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Has received account of sales of deer skins from Lampson. L.B.C. 5:468 3273

Oct. 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Regrets decline in the prices of furs. The Company will have public sale Oct. 19. Is pleased that the demand for deer skins continues fair. Discusses general market conditions. Re skins on hands. L.B.C. 5:469-470 3274

Oct. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re drafts. One hundred Indians have just arrived to take part in war of Seminoles; more are expected. lp. (French) 3275

Oct. 7 -- Hartford -- From Ezra S. Hamilton

Has received robes and finds them fair. Orders additional ones of special kinds. lp. 3276

Oct. 7 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley

Government has offered to buy a portion of the Sioux land near Riviere au Racine. Is not advising the Indians, as it will further alienate the government; details of the law that the government threatens to pass against the Indian traders' giving advice to Indians. lp. 3277

Oct. 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Enclose drafts and copy of specifications about form of payments. lp. 3278

Oct. 8 -- Havre -- Gamare Frères to the Company

Enclose bill of lading for package of books forwarded at order of Perisse Brothers of Paris. lp. (French) 3279

Oct. 9 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Details of drafts received. The Company will pay school expenses of Sylvester Chouteau. L.B.C. 5:471 3280

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Oct. 9 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Enclose Gov. Simpson's bill of exchange on Hudson's Bay Co. for \$300. Re difficulties in the way of obtaining Aitken's endorsement on bill. L.B.C. 5:472 3281

Oct. 9 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London

Has authority from Lapointe to renew agreement with Hudson Bay Co. The Company wishes statement in the renewal of the agreement about the right of the Company to engage in fishing business along Lake Superior. The Company will confirm the renewal of the agreement at any time. Re inability to obtain Aitken's endorsement on bill of exchange given by Simpson. L.B.C. 5:473-474 3282

Oct. 9 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler

Will fill order as directed. Is not alarmed about the Company's credit on account of the panic. 2p. 3283

Oct. 9 -- Hudson, New York -- Justus McKinstry to Seth Grosvenor

Asks for Crooks's first name. Details of attempts to collect money due the Company. lp. 3284

Oct. 9 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley

Sioux refused the government's offer for land and are leaving. Sibley has claim against the Sacs and Foxes. Major Stuart and Sanford are in Washington. lp. 3285

Oct. 9 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Have paid to B. Gott & Sons balance of last season's account. lp. 3286

Oct. 10 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Encloses draft of Sherman Hall on American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions to be collected. Wishes to know about Powell's robes. L.B.C. 5:475 3287

Oct. 10 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Discussion of claim for insurance for lead lost by sinking of boat. Has not found either Turner or Kinney whose notes Webster endorsed. Expects Webster to come to New York soon. Has slight prospects of collecting anything from Lloyd N. Rogers. Settlement with Suydam, Jackson & Co. awaits the return of Kevan from Michigan. L.B.C. 6:1-2 3288

Oct. 10 -- Lapointe -- From Sherman Hall

Has been informed by Borup that the Company had charge of goods directed to Hall. Navigation is closed on the lake; desires information about goods. Is much in need of clothing. lp. 3289

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- Oct. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. Have received news of returns from the  
Mountains. 1p. (French) 3290
- Oct. 10 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft to be credited on account. Orders more  
robes. 1p. 3291
- Oct. 11 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Annexes bill for robes shipped. L.B.C. 6:3 3292
- Oct. 11 -- New York -- To Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Rogers is now in New York. Annexes bill for robes which  
are sent for examination. L.B.C. 6:4 3293
- Oct. 11 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Annexes bill for robes. L.B.C. 6:5 3294
- Oct. 11 -- New York -- To Justus McKinstry, Hudson, New York  
Discussion of notes sent for collection. L.B.C. 6:6 3295
- Oct. 11 -- Washington -- From John Lawe  
Has received instructions and invoice from Crooks. Will  
forward goods to Green Bay. Understands Gov. Dodge is not  
coming to Washington. Winnebago delegation has not yet ar-  
rived. Sioux have left for home. Saxes and Foxes are still in  
council. Thinks amount of claims against the Winnebagoes  
greater than they will allow. If claims are not allowed, Lawe  
will lose heavily. 2p. 3296
- Oct. 11 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Sons  
Re enclosed check. Are unable to secure draft on New York.  
1p: 3297
- Oct. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft signed by Cabanne. 1p. 3298
- Oct. 11 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Will try to persuade Winnebagoes to return without treaty  
as he does not think the Company will receive just treatment.  
Gov. Dodge is not coming to Washington. Has advanced money to  
the Company's half breeds accompanying the Sioux. Hopes some  
settlement of Western Outfit affairs can be made when Sibley is  
in New York. 1p. 3299
- Oct. 12 -- West Chester -- From A. Bolmar  
Encloses bill for school expenses of A. P. Chouteau's son.  
Annexes circular of A. Bolmar's Institution for Boys. 3p. 3300
- Oct. 12 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Demand for deer skins is steady. Leipsic fair is very

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bad. London furriers are using black bear for trimming. Bear skins are also in demand for army purposes. No alteration in beaver trade. Advises the Company to sell in New York when possible at fair rates. 3p. 3501

Oct. 12 -- Washington -- From Joseph Rolette

The Winnebagoes have not arrived; will remain in Washington till news is received from them. Cannot get any news of his Mackinac claim. lp. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous) 3502

Oct. 13 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son

Barnard & Adams have received Powell's robes. Robes sell slowly; little profit. lp. 3303

Oct. 13 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Received shipment of robes, skins, and furs from Green Bay. These will be sent after examination. Warren is on his way to Detroit. lp. 3304

Oct. 13 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Washington

Is pleased that the Sioux went home without making a second sacrifice of their land. Inclination of the government to gag everybody who would protect the Indians cannot now be doubted. Experience has demonstrated the necessity of the Company's taking decided stand in defence of the Company's rights with the Indians. Regrets that Gov. Dodge is not at Washington. L.B.C. 6:7 3305

Oct. 13 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston

Details terms for the sale of robes. L.B.C. 6:8 3306

Oct. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re drafts and Treasury Warrants. Will forward deer skins soon. lp. (French) 3307

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To Orr H. Towne, Boston

Annexes bill of lading for robes shipped. Re the kind of robes shipped. L.B.C. 6:9 3308

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany

Has shipped robes as directed. L.B.C. 6:10 3309

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.

Cannot fill entire order for deer skins. Re skins shipped. B.B.C. 6:11 3310

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To Elder & Son, Baltimore

Has shipped deer skins as directed by Ebert & Son. L.B.C. 6:12 3311

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To Ebert & Sons, Frederick, Md.

Annexes invoice for deer skins. Has not enough good skins

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to fill entire order. Does not expect any more deer skins this season. L.B.C. 6:13 3312

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses proceeds of drafts collected. Will inspect Bromley's caps soon. L.B.C. 6:14 3313

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Will pay drafts of Hunt as advised. Hopes to arrange change in order for rifles. Annexes invoice for scarlet flannel. Insurance on lead is not yet decided. L.B.C. 6:15 3314

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Discussion of general success in shipments and moderate damages for entire season. Annexes bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 6:16-17 3315

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Is gratified that gold for Gott & Sons arrived safely. Details of drafts drawn. L.B.C. 6:18 3316

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has received account of sales. If beaver and otters cannot be sold at the Company's sale, may ship some to London. Shipments have been satisfactory. L.B.C. 6:19-20 3317

Oct. 14 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
Wants more winter skins of certain varieties. Must have sixty days' credit. lp. 3318

Oct. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose letter [Not Enclosed] to Sanford advising that if Sanford makes any payment in Washington to the Indians who will pass thru St. Louis, Chouteau will need additional blue cloth and blankets. Hope to obtain contract with the Indians. lp. (French) 3319

Oct. 14 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley  
The Winnebagoes arrived Oct. 13; Gov. Dodge told them the purpose of the journey was not to treat. Keokuck and his people demand fulfillment of previous treaty. Reported that the President is opposed to purchase of more lands and wishes the removal of settlers on Sac and Fox lands. lp. [See no. 3323] 3320

Oct. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Instructions about accounts. lp. 3321

Oct. 15 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Shipment will be delayed four or five days because of the condition of Rolette's furs. Has given Count Arese letters to Vallee, Boyer & Co. Warren is en route to New York. lp. 3322

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- Oct. 15 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Letter of Oct. 14 should have been dated Oct. 13. It is doubtful whether the Winnebagoes will treat. The question of whether the Sacs and Foxes will treat to be decided Sept. 15. The Company is entitled to claims for old credits but not old Company. lp. 3323
- Oct. 16 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton  
Re changes in order for rifles. Sales are limited. L.B.C. 6:21 3324
- Oct. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of checks. lp. 3325
- Oct. 16 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have accepted the Company's draft in favor of Mr. W. O. Pickersgill. Outler expects to ship goods by dates ordered. lp. 3326
- Oct. 17 -- New York -- To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Sanford may draw on the Company for funds as directed by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. The prospects for furs and skins in England are far from bright. L.B.C. 6:22 3327
- Oct. 17 -- New York -- From Jacot, Smith, Bryce & Jones  
Received advice from William Jacot that the whole quantity of Northwest guns would be shipped. lp. 3328
- Oct. 17 -- Conneant, Ohio -- From George Jones  
Details cost of building small vessel. Vessel of 25 tons will carry 100 barrels of fish. lp. 3329
- Oct. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Sale of deer skins in England was as satisfactory as could be hoped for under the present circumstances. Are pleased that robes have been disposed of. Re drafts. Hope Webster will pay part of his account. Enclose memorandum of merchandise to be purchased in England and America; re time for delivery of these goods. 2p. (French) 3330
- Oct. 18 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Found the remainder of Rolette's furs at Green Bay in bad condition; sent 120 packs to Brewster for examination. \$350 received at Green Bay was used to pay the transportation of furs. Robinson would not purchase goods nor debts. Whetten has not returned. lp. 3331
- Oct. 18 -- Hartford -- From E. S. Hamilton  
Received lot of robes. Orders more. lp. 3332



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- Oct. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re enclosed drafts. Cannot sell drafts in Missouri. 1p.  
(French) 3333
- Oct. 18 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Livingston has arrived. Have paid his letter of credit.  
Have received robes. 1p. 3334
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Results of public sale were not favorable; went off  
miserably. L.B.C. 6:23 3335
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
Annexes bill of lading for robes. Will forward additional  
robes soon. L.B.C. 6:24 3336
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Has forwarded goods as requested by Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
L.B.C. 6:25 3337
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Present  
Annexes bill for robes. L.B.C. 6:26 3338
- Oct. 19 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Leipsic fair is one of the worst in years. Polish and  
Russian Jews who bring such very large quantities of European  
furs to Leipsic and who take the bulk of raccoon skins have  
been unable to sell and so cannot take raccoons. Only two  
Greek buyers are at the fair; out of the immense stock of red  
fox not more than 2000 are sold. Lampson thinks that good part  
of the stock lying at Leipsic will be cleared before spring.  
Hotte must lose greatly on his red fox skins and may not be so  
eager to buy next spring. Relations between Rows and Hotte are  
coming out to the disadvantage of Hotte. Statement of bear  
skins sold to London furriers. Hudson's Bay Co.'s house will  
have large quantity of good bears in the spring. Brown bears  
are in great demand for trimmings. Statement of furs recently  
received by Hudson's Bay Co. whose stock will be very large.  
2p. 3339
- Oct. 19 -- Baltimore -- From Thomas A. Snowdon  
Application for employment with the Company. 1p. 3340
- Oct. 20 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of shipment of packs, etc., from Western Outfit;  
amount due him on shipment. All packs must be opened at once.  
1p. 3341
- Oct. 20 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
The Company's sale of Oct. 19 was a most miserable affair.  
Regret that the sale was held. Center was the principal buyer

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but he may be acting for Canton buyers. Enclose marked catalog of sale. Re error in Lampson's account of sales. Annexes a statement of skins sold. L.B.C. 6:27-28 3342

Oct. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Regret that the Company cannot make collection of certain drafts. Details of drafts. lp. (French) 3343

Oct. 20 -- Washington -- From Joseph Rolette  
Winnebago treaty will not be made for a week. Probable offer of the government to Indians. Rumor that he may get his claims. Requests that Gratiot assume power of attorney for him. lp. 3344

Oct. 20 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Details of probable offer government will make Indians for selling their lands. Mackenzie is on his way to New York. lp. 3345

Oct. 21 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Annexes bill of lading for robes which have been shipped as directed. L.B.C. 6:29 3346

Oct. 21 -- New York -- To Pierce & Son, St. Johns  
Has shipped robes to be forwarded to Beausoliel, Vallée & Co. L.B.C. 6:30 3347

Oct. 21 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Annexes bill for robes. L.B.C. 6:31 3348

Oct. 21 -- New York -- To Beausoliel, Vallée, & Co., Montreal  
Annexes bill for robes which have been shipped. L.B.C. 6:32 3349

Oct. 21 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Annexes bill for robes which have been forwarded. Re kind of robes shipped. L.B.C. 6:33 3350

Oct. 21 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Washington  
Whetten has reported that Dousman was attending the Winnebago payment at the portage. Details of claims of Etienne Dubois against the Sacs and Foxes. Hopes Sibley can leave Washington soon. L.B.C. 6:34-35 3351

Oct. 21 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details papers from Henry Chouteau in regard to the sale of certain person's property in Canada. Re letter of credit given by Brewster to Italian count. L.B.C. 6:36-37 3352

Oct. 21 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has forwarded papers to Canada as requested. Has no pay-

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ments from Turner or Rogers. Webster is in New York; assures the Company he will do all he can about paying his note; the Company will probably not get much money from Webster and his associates. Annexes sale accounts of deer skins in England. The Company can now close entirely Hunt's affairs. Details of furs and skins on hands. Will send catalog of the Company's wretched public sale. L.B.O. 6:38-40 3353

Oct. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose Treasury warrants to be collected. lp. (French) 3354

Oct. 21 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Is sending books by Whetten for examination. Accepts re-appointment. Amount of goods on hand is too large for him to purchase. lp. 3355

Oct. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re arrangement with the Bank of United States for checks on New York at par. lp. 3356

Oct. 22 -- Washington -- Henry H. Sibley to Samuel O. Stambaugh  
Discussion of terms on which suttlng business will be dissolved. lp. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous, 1837-47) 3357

Oct. 23 -- New York -- To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Encloses letter from Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Will look for cloth and blankets. Sanford may draw on the Company for funds. L.B.O. 6:41 3358

Oct. 23 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Account is correct. Is grateful for attention to the Company's affairs. L.B.O. 6:42 3359

Oct. 23 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts and treasury warrants. Has no arrangements yet with Webster. L.B.O. 6:43 3360

Oct. 23 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Statement of 1837 collection of furs received by Hudson's Bay Co. Increase in the quantity of certain skins is greater than was expected. Decline in prices is probable. Hotte is doing racoon market at Leipsic much harm by offering lots imported directly; unless something is done to stop Hotte's operations in New York, the London market will be spoiled and regular buyers will not know what to do. 2p. 3361

Oct. 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received returns from the mountains. \*Have contracts from the government to supply merchandise to Sioux. Have enough blankets and cloth on hand. lp. (French) 3362

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- Oct. 23 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft to be credited on account. Order for robes.  
lp. 3363
- Oct. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re error in account of sales. The Company's public sale  
was a most complete failure. Fur dealers are not buying new  
stock. Will have to send some beaver to London. Re draft  
drawn. L.B.C. 6:45-46 3364
- Oct. 23 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
The prospect of selling beaver in London is encouraging.  
Re skins to be shipped. Details of lack of market for various  
furs and skins. L.B.C. 6:47-48 3365
- Oct. 23 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. have reported the safe arrival  
of gold for Gotts. Will order goods soon. L.B.C. 6:49 3366
- Oct. 24 -- New York -- To Henry Leman, Lancaster  
Wishes two sample rifles. L.B.C. 6:44 3367
- Oct. 24 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Washington  
Sanford has reported that the Sacs and Foxes have con-  
cluded treaty which he considers satisfactory. Sibley must be  
firm and exclude from the annuity the right to pay any part in  
goods. Encloses check to supply any funds needed by Sibley,  
Rolette and Lawe. L.B.C. 6:50 3368
- Oct. 24 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Washington  
Wishes directions about clocks and watches ordered by  
Rolette. Abbott has not reported what Commissioners have done  
about Rolette's claim. Have sent funds thru Sibley. L.B.C. 6:  
51 3369
- Oct. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re invoice for deer skins and furs. lp. (French) 3370
- Oct. 24 -- Washington -- From Alexis Bailly  
Re treaty claims presented to the Secretary of War for  
settlement. Request for additional \$300. lp. 3371
- Oct. 24 -- Sandy Lake -- William A. Aitken to Charles W. Borup  
Sandy Lake region is entirely covered with water; plenty  
of rats but the Indians cannot hunt. Have collected only 34  
bushels of rice and do not get any fish. Only resource for  
provisions from the interior will be Fond du Lac. Re order for  
articles wanted. lp. (Northern Outfit Papers 1837) 3372
- Oct. 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Shipment of Western Outfit skins and furs. Shipment of

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fish; Franchere reports carelessness in the fish business; 1000 barrels will have to spend the winter at stations. The price of fish must be reduced; terms of offer for fish on hand. Has all the robes he can sell. Statement of amounts due him by the Company. Will send the "Crooks" to the Sault for fish. 2p. 3373

Oct. 24 -- Liverpool.-- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of the Company's letter advising of having made a shipment to Lampson and of having drawn draft in favor of Mr. W. G. Pickersgill. 1p. 3374

Oct. 25 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Details of accounts. 1p 3375

Oct. 25 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Washington  
Hopes Winnebagoes have concluded satisfactory treaty.  
Has remitted funds to Sibley for Lawe. Mrs. Crooks will have articles ready for Lawe's daughters. L.B.C. 6:52 3376

Oct. 25 -- St. Louis.-- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. Buyers prefer to pay at Grand Pr[?] at few days sight. 1p. (French) 3377

Oct. 25 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Re Winnebago treaty situation. Good policy to make Boyd, Winnebago agent, the loan he requests. It is unnecessary to send Dubois claims to Washington. Hopes Rolette and he can soon return to the West. 2p. 3378

Oct. 25 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Are sending Canada money to the Company to apply on account. 1p. 3379

Oct. 26 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Details of accounts. 1p. 3380

Oct. 26 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Is grateful for check. L.B.C. 6:53 3381

Oct. 26 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Annexes bill for robes. L.B.C. 6:54 3382

Oct. 26 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Re bank notes received. L.B.C. 6:55 3383

Oct. 26 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Washington  
Details of Bailly's request for funds. L.B.C. 6:56 3384

Oct. 26 -- Lancaster, Pa. -- From Henry E. Leman  
Will make for Crooks two rifles as specified. 1p. 3385

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Oct. 26 -- Washington -- From Joseph Rolette

Money forwarded to the Company by Abbott is for Rolette. Commissioner of Indian Affairs will resume his duties at once. Hopes to obtain good treaty. Will draw on the Company for funds to take Indians home, unless Lawe and Grignon will share the expenses. lp. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous) 3386

Oct. 26 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley

Easy for Sanford to obtain what the Company desired with the Sacs and Foxes. Sioux and Winnebago delegations are difficult to handle, because of their lack of unity. Will distribute money as directed. Harris will probably meet the Indians Oct. 27. lp. 3387

Oct. 27 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Re drafts received L.B.C. 6:57 3388

Oct. 27 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Washington

Will attend to order for pistols. Does not wish Sibley to leave Washington until all is settled with the Winnebagoes. Directions about funds. L.B.C. 6:58 3389

Oct. 27 -- New York -- To Levi C. Turner, Present

Re notes of Turner held under protest. The Company desires final disposition of these obligations. L.B.C. 6:59 3390

Oct. 27 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Livingston has left for St. Mary's. Details of accounts. lp. 3391

Oct. 28 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo

Has shipped packages to be forwarded to Brewster and boxes of lemons for Doty. L.B.C. 6:60 3392

Oct. 28 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

The Company will ship some beaver to London. Has no prospects for sale of otters and rats. Laidlaw has received Powell's robes and wishes to sell them to the Company. Has made payment to Astor on account of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Webster wants time on his notes. L.B.C. 6:61-62 3393

Oct. 28 -- Utica, New York -- From John Livingston

Shipment of box of Indian curiosities by Borup. lp. 3394

Oct. 28 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley

Bailly is in need of money. Government is delaying the progress of the treaty for some motive. Indians promise to support the Company's interests. Harris will probably meet the Indians Oct. 30. lp. 3395

Oct. 30 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Enclose draft to be accepted. Expect to realize fair sum

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- from Bromley's caps. L.B.C. 6:63 3396
- Oct. 30 -- Chicago -- From S. T. Jamison  
Details of personal finances. lp. 3397
- Oct. 30 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Order for 50 bales robes. lp. 3398
- Oct. 30 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Hudson's Bay Co.'s stock of furs is much larger than  
usual, particularly in martin, lynx, and bear skins. Discusses  
expected decline in certain prices. Lampson does not expect  
much alteration in beaver. 2p. 3399
- Oct. 30 -- Grand Portage -- Pierre Cotté to Charles W. Borup  
Has injured his boat in carrying barrels. Wishes new boat  
to collect fish. Gadotte has returned to Lapointe. lp. 3400  
(Northern Outfit Papers, 1837.)
- Oct. 31 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Has shipped robes. Early remittance will be very accept-  
able. L.B.C. 6:64 3401
- Oct. 31 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Is pleased that shipment of gold reached Gotts safely.  
Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. have been directed to pay the balance  
of account for 1837. Is pleased at the probable cost of blan-  
kets. Order for cloths and strouds will likely be the same as  
in the present year. Re order for blue cotton handkerchiefs.  
L.B.C. 6:65-66 3402
- Oct. 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has succeeded in disposing of some beaver and otters. Re  
beaver shipped to London. L.B.C. 6:67-68 3403
- Oct. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Account of sales received from Lampson are correct. Lamp-  
son's sales have exceeded the Company's expectations. Re  
woolens ordered from Gotts. L.B.C. 6:69-70 3404
- Oct. 31 -- New York -- To William Jacot, Birmingham  
Is pleased that guns will be shipped in time. Re order  
for northwest guns. L.B.C. 6:71 3405
- Oct. 31 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of banking business and efforts to collect ac-  
counts. lp. 3406
- Nov. 1 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Washington  
Regrets lack of unanimity among claimants. Hopes treaty  
will be better than that with the Sioux. Has paid money for  
Baillly. L.B.C. 6:72 3407

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- Nov. 1 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Sanford has gone to Washington. Major Dougherty is said to be coming to Washington with a deputation of Missouri Indians. Has ordered woollens from England. Northwest guns will be forwarded from Birmingham. Re others sold for the China market. Webster has paid \$2000 on his note. Webster is certain Turner and Kinney will pay. L.B.C. 6:73-74 3408
- Nov. 1 -- New York -- To S. Campbell, Franklin, N. H.  
 Re order for wampum pipes and moons. L.B.C. 6:75 3409
- Nov. 1 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
 Re certain payments due Gratiot's brother-in-law. L.B.C. 6:76 3410
- Nov. 1 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
 Package obtained at Custom House will be forwarded. Re counterfeit certificate of deposit. L.B.C. 6:77 3411
- Nov. 1 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
 Encloses catalog of deer skin sale which has been a good one. Nearly all deer skins are sold. lp. 3412
- Nov. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Are discouraged about market conditions for muskrats and beaver. Have delivered merchandise to the Sioux of the Mississippi. Details of drafts drawn. 2p. (French) 3413
- Nov. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Remit draft of Taliaferro on Commissioner of Indian Affairs to be collected and credited on account. Have sent important letters to Sanford at Washington. lp. (French) 3414
- Nov. 1 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
 Has received deer skins. Order for bear skins. lp. 3415
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
 Re package to be forwarded to Maria Lawe in Ohio, and packages shipped to Rev. Hall which were not received. Regrets that the sale of robes is not brisk. L.B.C. 6:78-79 3416
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To Maria Lawe, Somerset, Ohio  
 Has sent articles as directed by Lawe who is detained in Washington on account of the Winnebago treaty. L.B.C. 6:80 3417
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Annexes invoice for carpet, oil cloth, etc., purchased by Sanford. Re new notes desired by Stephen Halsey. L.B.C. 6:81 3418



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- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Re packages to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 6:82 3419
- Nov. 2 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Discussion of prices received at the deer skin sale.  
Buyers prefer finer skins. Quantity of deer skins is less than  
in 1836. February sale will be small unless more furs arrive  
from New York. Will give attention to bill of exchange by  
Gov. Simpson on Hudson's Bay Co. forwarded by Crooks. Will ob-  
serve all directions about the Company's property. 4p. 3420
- Nov. 2 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.  
Enclose draft in payment of robes. 1p. 3421
- Nov. 2 -- Washington -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Details and criticism of treaty signed with the Winneba-  
goes. Rolette and Sibley are going to New York Nov. 4. 1p. 3422
- Nov. 2 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Are pleased that the Company finds the sales accounts from  
Lampson and Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. correct. 1p. 3423
- Nov. 3 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.  
Cannot fill order for bear skins. L.B.C. 6:83 3424
- Nov. 3 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re proceeds of Treasury warrants. Robes have arrived bad-  
ly damaged. Details about insurance on lead. L.B.C. 6:84 3425
- Nov. 3 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 6:85 3426
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Re drafts to be collected. Banks are less accommodating  
than ever. L.B.C. 6:86 3427
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To James Page, Philadelphia  
Has forwarded package sent to Page by Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co. L.B.C. 6:87 3428
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To Major J. H. Hook, Washington  
Has forwarded package as directed by Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co. L.B.C. 6:88 3429
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Has forwarded box sent from St. Louis. Enclose certifi-  
cate of Gov. Dodge in favor of Dubois for claim awarded him by  
the treaty of The Sacs and Foxes in 1836. L.B.C. 6:89 3430

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Nov. 4 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

The Company considers the closing of the Saginaw affairs very fortunate. Returns have arrived in good time and fair order, except from the Western Outfit. Details of accounts. Provisions ordered by Laws should be delivered. Details of prices for robes. Advises that all robes be sold. Describes furs and skins sold. Muskrats will not sell anywhere. Council at Lapointe has strongly recommended another schooner on Lake Superior; wish Crooks's views on this subject. Regrets that Brewster could not visit Lapointe. The fur trade of Lake Superior will never make the Company rich. Must depend on fisheries for profitable returns. Crooks expects to examine thoroughly the entire business in the interior in 1838. Gov. Dodge will commission Warren as inspector at Lapointe. Advises the rapid sale of fish. Re plans for a supply of barrels. Warren will set out for Lapointe soon. L.B.C. 6:90-97 3431

Nov. 6 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Invoice of purchases made for Rogers; to be given to B. Astor. Directions about certain drafts. Re Grignon's order of Provisions. Details of his account with the Northern Department. Re sales of fish. 2p. 3432

Nov. 6 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Re notes for collection and directions about funds. The Company is shipping more robes to Buffalo. L.B.C. 6:98-99 3433

Nov. 6 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal

Has received draft. L.B.C. 6:100 3434

Nov. 6 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of the damaged condition of skins and robes due to delay at New Orleans. The Winnebagoes have concluded a treaty at Washington. Re claims allowed. Treaty is much better than the Sioux negotiation arranged by Taliaferro. L.B.C. 6:101-102 3435

Nov. 6 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Describes the damaged condition of the skins sent from St. Louis. L.B.C. 6:103 3436

Nov. 6 -- Frederick -- From Ebert & Sons

Are satisfied with the skins received. 1p. 3437

Nov. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received account of sales; are disappointed in the amount of proceeds. Re beaver and muskrats forwarded; have heard that the vessel has sunk. 1p. (French) 3438

Nov. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Acknowledge receipt of drafts and checks. Enclose certain checks. 1p. 3439

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- Nov. 7 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. 1p. 3440
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Re robes shipped. Advises that some robes be sent to  
Cleveland and Grand River. L.B.C. 6:104 3441
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re funds received. L.B.C. 6:105 3442
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Is gratified that orders will be filled by Gotts in time.  
Discussion of Outler's failure to reply to the Company's com-  
munications. Requests that orders be transferred to Jacot, if  
Outler cannot fill them. L.B.C. 6:106-107 3443
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To William Jacot, Birmingham  
Details of hardware that may be ordered, if Outler does  
not fill orders. Details of quantity of goods wanted and ar-  
rangements for shipping. L.B.C. 6:108-109 3444
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
The beginning of the Leipsic fair was not encouraging.  
Muskrats sent to London were the property of Powell, Lamont &  
Co., St. Louis. No prospects exist for the sale of muskrats  
in America. Will ship deer skins for the February sale. Gotts  
and Jacot expect to ship goods on time. Re order for case of  
guns from Lacy & Co. The Company has taken care of letters,  
etc., sent to Lampson's brother-in-law, Sibley, recently de-  
ceased. L.B.C. 6:111-113 3445
- Nov. 7 -- Paris -- From -- Etienne  
Authorizes Crooks to draw 10,000 francs. Directions for  
the use of this sum to be obtained from [?]. 1p. (French) 3446
- Nov. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Will honor drafts drawn by the Company as noted in letter  
received. 1p. 3447
- Nov. 8 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Enclose invoices and patterns of cloth. No change has  
taken place in the prices of cloth and blankets. 1p. 3448
- Nov. 8 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has received draft. L.B.C. 6:114 3449
- Nov. 8 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Whetten has brought inventories, ledger and journal from  
Mackinac; will endeavor to reconcile accounts. Expects retail  
store at Mackinac to yield good profit. Details of plans about

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robes. Encloses certificate for Abbott's shares of the Company's stock. Sioux treaty provides \$70,000 for private claims and the Winnebago treaty \$150,000. L.B.C. 6:115-117 3450

Nov. 8 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Re claim of Etienne DuBois under the treaty of Sept. 28,  
1836. Tentative plan for payment of this claim. 2p. 3451

Nov. 8 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Crooks will receive \$305 on account of DuBois; the remainder of the claim must be settled in the Indian country. Re power of attorney sent to Gratiot by Crooks and disposition to be made of claims paid to Gratiot for Joseph Rolette. 1p. 3452

Nov. 9 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Is grateful for attention to gartering, yarn and thread.  
Re closing of account for 1837. L.B.C. 6:110 3453

Nov. 9 -- New York -- To Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 6:118 3454

Nov. 9 -- New York -- To Eberts & Son, Frederick  
Is pleased that deer skins were acceptable. Has drawn  
draft in payment. L.B.C. 6:119 3455

Nov. 9 -- New York -- To William Jacot, Birmingham  
Details of directions about filling any orders the Company  
may send. L.B.C. 6:120 3456

Nov. 9 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses bills of lading for peltries shipped. No prospect exists for the sale of beaver in America. Will send Rocky Mountain otters later. L.B.C. 6:121 3457

Nov. 9 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re skins shipped to Lampson. Details of directions about  
shipping goods if ordered from Jacot. L.B.C. 6:122 3458

Nov. 9 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler  
Re goods forwarded. Articles are of the same quality as  
last year. 1p. 3459

Nov. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of accounts. Re shipment of furs and skins. Are  
closing accounts for the year. 1p. (French) 3460

Nov. 9 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Re the prospects for the sale of robes. Proposal to take  
more robes. 1p. 3461

Nov. 9 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of accounts. Enclose check. Re account of all

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- money dispursed on the Company's account. 1p. 3462
- Nov. 10 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)  
 Details of the result of Rows' beaver sale. The agent of  
 Sargent & Son of Birmingham has been given permission to send  
 sample Northwest guns to the Company. Details of prices at  
 which this firm can supply the guns. 1p. 3463
- Nov. 10 -- Washington -- From J. H. Hook  
 Acknowledges communication from Crooks. 1p. 3464
- Nov. 10 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Request the collection of certain bill at the highest rate  
 of exchange possible. 1p. 3465
- Nov. 10 -- Havre -- From John Timon  
 Etienne, procurator general of Congregation of Missions,  
 wishes to provide fund in America for charitable objects. Ti-  
 mon has recommended investment in stock of United States Bank.  
 Requests Crooks to make the purchase for Etienne who is not  
 known in New York. Draft will be paid in specie. Has secured  
 philosophical apparatus, many books of science, and four mem-  
 bers of Congregation of St. Lazarus to bring to St. Mary's  
 school. 2p. 3466
- Nov. 11 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
 Is gratified that part of Dubois' claim will be remitted.  
 Encloses claim to be presented to the War Department from Lyman  
 Warren. L.B.O. 6:123 3467
- Nov. 11 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
 Encloses proceeds as collected. Annexes statement.  
 L.B.O. 6:124-125 3468
- Nov. 11 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
 Encloses bill for robes. Re accounts. L.B.O. 6:126 3469
- Nov. 11 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
 Has shipped robes as directed. Annexes bill. L.B.O. 6:  
 127 3470
- Nov. 11 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
 Annexes bill for robes shipped. Has plenty of summer robes  
 but very few of seasonable sort. Cannot furnish painted robes  
 wanted by Towne. L.B.O. 6:128 3471
- Nov. 11 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Will accept remittance in Treasury warrants. Re furs  
 shipped to London. The prospects for the sale of beaver in  
 England are better than in America. Suydam & Co. have promised  
 a settlement soon. L.B.O. 6:129 3472

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Nov. 11 -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Encloses bill of lading for box to be forwarded to Chouteau. L.B.O. 6:130 3473

Nov. 11 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot

Re letter and package to be forwarded to Capt. Chevalier in Paris. Re report that Daugherty is coming to Washington to represent certain Indian interests. Fears Daugherty is hostile to Pratt & Co. 2p. 3474

Nov. 11 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)

Bill remitted on Hudson's Bay Co. drawn by Gov. Simpson has been accepted. 1p. 3475

Nov. 11 -- New York -- Joseph Rolette to Sister Cecilia

Is sending his daughter Virginia to the academy at Georgetown. Crooks will pay charges. Details of instruction to be given his daughter. Encloses prospectus of the institution. 1p. (Detroit Department Papers.) 3476

Nov. 13 -- New York -- To Charles Gratiot, Washington

Encloses Taliaferro's draft on the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. New York banks will not collect drafts. L.B.O. 6:131 3477

Nov. 13 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Has forwarded Taliaferro's draft to Washington. Has bought Powell, Lamont & Co.'s robes from Laidlaw to prevent competition in the market. Gives prices. Loubat reports that the blankets are on the way to New York. Warren will return to Lapointe via St. Louis in order to see Gov. Dodge at Burlington. Requests letter for Warren to Gov. Dodge. L.B.O. 6:132-133 3478

Nov. 13 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Introduces Lyman Warren. Will appreciate any aid given Warren. L.B.O. 6:134 3479

Nov. 13 -- New York -- To Lyman Warren, St. Louis

Encloses letter of introduction to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Considers that the petitions of the half-breeds will influence the government to pay them at Lapointe. Desires petitions as early as possible. Warren should send new order for goods, to be executed if the treaty is ratified. Re directions about power of attorney to be sent Crooks. Re the importance of Warren being appointed fish inspector. The Company's directors will consider the need of another schooner on Lake Superior. L.B.O. 6:135-136 3480

Nov. 13 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Present

Enclose certificate for shares of the Company's stock. L.B.O. 6:137 3481

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- Nov. 13 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Details of authority necessary to collect claims for Crooks. Instructions about Rolette's claim. 2p. 3482
- Nov. 13 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has shipped rifles. Details of styles of rifles made. 1p. 3483
- Nov. 13 -- Boston -- From Cornelius Hersey  
Order for robes. Exchange is still high. 1p. 3484
- Nov. 13 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co.  
Have forwarded shipment of furs. Sales of robes are very slow. Describes misshipment of boxes for Rev. Sherman Hall. Explanation about transportation lines. 2p. 3485
- Nov. 13 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Are gratified that the Company is satisfied with the conduct of business by Merles. Re plans for shipment of furs and skins. 3p. 3486
- Nov. 13 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs. 1p. 3487
- Nov. 14 -- New York -- To Sheppard Brown, New York  
Request the return of skins used at exhibition. L.B.C. 6:138 3488
- Nov. 14 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Taliaferro's draft has been received and accepted; the amount will be remitted in New York funds. Deputations of Comanches and other Indians are expected in the spring. 1p. 3489
- Nov. 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Hears that part of the last fur shipment got wet. Details of robes and their sale. Re fur sales in New York and London. Will inquire of ship builders concerning new vessel for Lake Superior. It is reported that a rival company has been formed for fishing. Discusses reforms necessary in the fish business. Details plan for engrossing furs. Sales of fish on hand have closed. Refunded on inspected fish. Barrels with salt to be used for fish barrels are not satisfactory. Prospects for funds: will have funds to buy next season's supplies. Suggestions for getting funds for the fur project. Sends Rogers' letter and plan of the Company's house at Mackinac. Advises Crooks to get a keeper in the East; Abbott is opposed to opening hotel. 7p. 3490
- Nov. 14 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
Details efforts to get draft on New York. Has realized no profit from the sale of robes. Delay in transportation of robes. 1p. 3491

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- Nov. 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)  
The demand for fine bear skins for trimming has subsided.  
Describes the furs listed in Rows' catalog. Rows have received  
grizzly bear skins from the continent. lp. 3492
- Nov. 14 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Enclose draft in payment for robes. Demand for robes is  
fair. lp. 3493
- Nov. 15 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Will forward letter and parcel to Havre. Is gratified  
that Sanford has returned to Washington. Encloses power of at-  
torney for Rolette. Re firms in which Rolette was a partner.  
L.B.C. 6:139-140 3494
- Nov. 15 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Discussion of lack of communications from Cutler. Order  
for goods may be transferred to Jacot. L.B.C. 6:143 3495
- Nov. 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Encloses bill of exchange and order for goods. Expects  
woolens to be of good quality. L.B.C. 6:144 3496
- Nov. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of drafts. Encloses letter for Cutler and direc-  
tions regarding orders sent Cutler. Discusses employing other  
agents. Re the importance of filling orders for the Missouri  
trade. L.B.C. 6:145-146 3497
- Nov. 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has drawn draft on Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. Expects  
Lampson's goods to be delivered soon. L.B.C. 6:147 3498
- Nov. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re damage to furs in a recent shipment. Have noted that  
Webster has paid \$2000; hope that with time and very much  
patience we will obtain the rest. Details of Halsey's drafts  
on the Company. Chouteau's trip to New York is delayed. lp.  
(French) 3499
- Nov. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes & Co., London  
Report about twine is satisfactory. L.B.C. 6:148 3500
- Nov. 15 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Encloses part payment on robes. Re prices of robes in  
Boston. lp. 3501
- Nov. 15 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Sons  
Details of enclosed draft and check. Consider the price  
of muskrats too high. lp. 3502



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- Nov. 15 -- Hudson Bay House, London -- From George Simpson  
Details of honoring of bill for £300 in accordance with  
agreement of 1833. Hudson's Bay Co. is pleased that the Com-  
pany is willing to extend the agreement for two years more.  
Has no objections to the Company's establishing posts for the  
purpose of taking and curing fish anywhere on the shores of  
Lake Superior within the limits of the United States. Will not  
object to the Company taking furs at fishing stations from In-  
dians suffering from scarcity of food, if the Company gives food  
in exchange. Hudson's Bay Co. is satisfied that the Company  
will follow the true spirit of the agreement in good faith.  
(Northern Outfit Miscellaneous Papers) 3503
- Nov. 15 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Details of reduction in tariff  
rates after Jan. 1. 2p. 3504
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To Miss Z. P. Grant, Ipswich  
Re directions from Jamison to pay account due Miss Grant.  
L.B.C. 6:149 3505
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To S. T. Jamison, Chicago  
Has notified Miss Grant about payment of account. L.B.C.  
6:150 3506
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Has shipped robes. Annexes bill of lading. Requests pay-  
ment of account. L.B.C. 6:151 3507
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Crooks can give testimony of Rolette's membership in  
certain firms. Gratiot's children have not yet reached New  
York. L.B.C. 6:152 3508
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Re robes shipped to Syracuse. L.B.C. 6:153 3509
- Nov. 16 -- Treasury Department -- From W. B. Lewis  
Details of draft drawn by Lawrence Taliaferro in favor of  
Pratte, Chouteau & Co. This transaction comes under appropri-  
ation of presents to Indians. 1p. 3510
- Nov. 16 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & So.  
Enclose drafts to be credited on account. 1p. 3511
- Nov. 17 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Account is correct. Re balance and directions about  
draft. L.B.C. 6:154 3512
- Nov. 17 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
New York banks will not touch drafts on Boston. Details  
kind of robes Barnard, Adams & Co. probably have. L.B.C. 6:155  
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- Nov. 17 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Has accepted draft. Navigation on North River will soon close and shipment of robes must cease. L.B.C. 6:156 3514
- Nov. 17 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Is grateful for collection of bills due the Company. Pearson may fix the value on muskrats. L.B.C. 6:157 3515
- Nov. 17 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Details of proceeds of bank notes sent by Greenough. Details of prices of robes. L.B.C. 6:158 De- 3516
- Nov. 17 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Schoolcraft has not reported his awards under the Ottawa and Chippewa treaty. Warner's claim will be settled as soon as Gov. Dodge's accounts are audited. lp. 3517
- Nov. 18 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallée, Ste. Genevieve  
Details of account of sales. Re proceeds. L.B.C. 6:159 3518
- Nov. 18 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has received packing account of beaver and muskrats. Taliaferro's draft has been sent to the Treasury Department. Encloses account of sale of Robidoux's muskrats. Has sent report to Menard & Vallée. Details of directions about accounts. Sanford, Major Dougherty and the Indians have arrived in New York on their way to Boston. Hopes soon to get more than expression of good intentions from Webster. L.B.C. 6:160-161 3519
- Nov. 18 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Advises Crooks to preserve Rolette's power of attorney to Gratiot. Schoolcraft's report has not yet been received. Some of Rolette's claims rejected by the commissioner; Warner's claim was allowed. lp. 3520
- Nov. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Encloses Capt. R. S. Goodsell's proposal for building a vessel at St. Marie. Details of Brewster's ideas on the subject. Recommends that changes be made if loss on fish continues. Does not agree with Franchère about the prospects for canal at St. Mary's being built next season. Re draft he expected to remit for Scott's certificate. Desires instructions about unpaid note of McCormick, Moon & Crane Co. Asks if Frazer has been heard of. 2p. 3521
- Nov. 18 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
The Company's New York sale brought as high prices as in London. Musquash cannot be sold at all. Discusses prices. Stock of raccoons is still low. Expects great advance on brown

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and grizzly bears. Is gratified that the Company has arranged to secure the bulk of the next year's collections. Will sell consignment of beaver on its arrival. Re market for bear skins.  
3p. 3522

Nov. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Abel Wyman  
Encloses draft to be credited on account. lp. 3523

Nov. 18 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Robes are not satisfactory; request reduction in price.  
lp. 3524

Nov. 18 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Enclose drafts to be credited on account. lp. 3525

Nov. 20 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Sanford, Dougherty and Indians have gone to Boston. Warrant for Taliferro's draft has not appeared. Desires payment by Nourse of balance due Bailly under the Ottawa and Chippewa treaty. L.B.C. 6:162 3526

Nov. 20 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Sanford is in Boston with an Indian delegation. Will soon be determined where government will treat with the Indians.  
L.B.C. 6:163 3527

Nov. 20 -- New York -- To Abel Wyman, Philadelphia  
Has received draft in payment of account. Can fill orders for summer robes. L.B.C. 6:164 3528

Nov. 20 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Re drafts received. Requests yearly documents early. Wishes to close all books by Dec. 31. Discusses fish market. Warren will inspect fish at Detroit. Desires Warren to be careful in inspection in order to give Lake Superior fish a good reputation. The Company will build a new vessel for Lake Superior. Re directions for preparation of materials to build ship. Prefers Geo. W. Jones be employed to superintend the construction of the vessel. Re Western Outfit furs damaged in shipment. Has sent robes to Holt, Palmer & Co. for distribution. Encloses notes to be collected for Halsey & Co. L.B.C. 6:165-168 3529

Nov. 20 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Details of accounts. Order for 20 bales robes. lp. 3530

Nov. 20 -- Treasury Department -- From W. B. Lewis  
Notice that balance due L. M. Warren will be sent to Crooks. lp. 3531

Nov. 20 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re shipment of robes. lp. 3532

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- Nov. 20 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs. 1p. 3533
- Nov. 20 -- Treasury Department, Washington -- From Treasurer of  
the United States (John Campbell)  
Encloses Treasury draft. 1p. 3534
- Nov. 21 -- Montreal -- From Beausoliel, Vallée, & Co.  
Have received robes in good order but find them inferior  
to previous shipments. Political matters are precarious; sev-  
eral agitators have been arrested. Times are dull. 1p. 3535
- Nov. 21 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Directions for entering certain items on Department books.  
Stanard thinks the "Astor" is not used to best advantage. 1p. 3536
- Nov. 21 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Annexes bill for robes. Has received check. L.B.C. 6:169 3537
- Nov. 21 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Regrets that robes are of inferior quality. Advises that  
all packs be examined. L.B.C. 6:170 3538
- Nov. 21 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses Laidlaw's bill for robes at debit of Pratte,  
Chouteau & Co. Has paid J. J. Astor \$20,000 on account of  
Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 6:171 3539
- Nov. 21 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 6:172 3540
- Nov. 21 -- Ipswich -- From Z. P. Grant and G. H. Cutter  
Has drawn \$100 according to Crooks's directions. 1p. 3541
- Nov. 21 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Schoolcraft's report received. Wishes evidence that Ro-  
lette is a member of certain firms; anticipates difficulty a-  
bout Rolette's claims. Recommends firm in Washington to act as  
agent for Crooks. Has seen some items on Schoolcraft's report.  
4p. 3542
- Nov. 21 -- New York -- From F. W. Schmidt & Co.  
Request to forward note to Detroit for collections. 1p. 3543
- Nov. 21 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft and orders additional robes. 1p. 3544
- Nov. 22 -- Birmingham -- From William Jacot  
Order for additional guns has been received; will forward

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them at once. Manufacturer erred in making guns of first order; is replacing them. lp. 3545

Nov. 22 -- New York -- From Masters Markoe & Co.  
Requests letter of introduction for business man from London who is going to Missouri. lp. 3546

Nov. 22 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re drafts to be paid. lp. 3547

Nov. 23 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have been advised by Gotts that goods ordered will be ready early. Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. have agency for line of packets sailing from Liverpool on the 24th and from New York on the 6th of each month. 2p. 3548

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To William B. Lewis, Treasury Department, Washington  
Has received proceeds for Taliaferro's draft. L.B.C. 6: 173 3549

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Samuel Campbell, Ramapo, N.J.  
Wishes to know about filling order for pipes and moons. L.B.C. 6:174 3550

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 6:175 3551

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will remit funds for acceptances. L.B.C. 6:176 3552

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Encloses duplicate of order for goods. L.B.C. 6:177 3553

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 6:178 3554

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Encloses duplicate order for goods. L.B.C. 6:179 3555

Nov. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Lampson's goods are in store and will be delivered to Wildes' order. Has drawn draft for W. C. Pickersgill. May ship St. Louis deer skins. Details of condition of the fur market. L.B.C. 6:180-181 3556

Nov. 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Re enclosed draft for account of James Scott. Will soon close sale of fish. 2p. 3557

Nov. 24 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Annexes bill for robes shipped. Details of kind of robes

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- and prices. L.B.C. 6:182 3558
- Nov. 24 -- St. Peter's -- From Hercules L. Dougman  
Annexes drafts. Has had no news of the returns of the  
Indian hunters. Asks spring prices of furs. lp. 3559
- Nov. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Are gratified that the Company purchased Powell & Co.'s  
robes. The demand for good robes at St. Louis exceeds the sup-  
ply. Chouteau left Nov. 21 for New York. lp. 3560
- Nov. 24 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Have received account current which is correct. lp. 3561
- Nov. 24 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Discusses Hiram Cutler's delay. Will honor drafts re-  
ferred to in Crooks's letter. lp. 3562
- Nov. 25 -- New York -- To Major Eneas Mackay, Philadelphia  
Details of pistols wanted by Sibley from Philadelphia  
manufacturer. L.B.C. 6:183 3563
- Nov. 25 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re drafts collected. L.B.C. 6:184 3564
- Nov. 25 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Annexes bill for robes. Will take back any unsold robes.  
L.B.C. 6:185 3565
- Nov. 25 -- New York -- To Charles H; Gratiot, Washington  
Considers that terms of the commission are very high.  
Has not yet received money for Warren's claim. L.B.C. 6:186 3566
- Nov. 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of \$20,000 in specie to be credited on account  
lp. 3567
- Nov. 25 -- Sheffield -- Hiram Cutler to Wildes, Pickersgill &  
Co.  
Thinks it unnecessary to discuss extracts from Crooks's  
letter, as Crooks must have received Cutler's letters by this  
time. Is very anxious to have connections with the Company.  
lp. Enclosed in no. 3577. 3568
- Nov. 25 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Sons  
Discuss price to be allowed for muskrats. lp. 3569
- Nov. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Instructions about form of remittance. lp. 3570

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- Nov. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose checks and drafts. 1p. 3571
- Nov. 27 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Details of prices for muskrats. L.B.O. 6:187 3572
- Nov. 27 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Inquires about skins sent to Gratiot by Kingsbury. 1p. 3573
- Nov. 27 -- Hartford -- From E. S. Hamilton  
Order for buffalo robes. Details of kind of robes wanted.  
1p. 3574
- Nov. 27 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
Encloses check to be credited on account. 1p. 3575
- Nov. 27 -- Washington -- From Treasurer of United States (John  
Campbell)  
Encloses Treasury notes in payment of a certain warrant.  
1p. 3576
- Nov. 27 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
If Mr. Jacot writes to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., they  
will direct him not to do anything. Encloses no. 3568. 1p. 3577
- Nov. 28 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Has received robes. Details of terms by which Bellows &  
Peck wish to take more robes. 2p. 3578
- Nov. 28 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Annexes bill for robes. Has received remittances on ac-  
count. L.B.O. 6:188 3579
- Nov. 28 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of account. L.B.O. 6:189 3580
- Nov. 28 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Urges Crooks to allow him to attend to business in Wash-  
ington. 2p. 3581
- Nov. 28 -- Troy -- From H. N. Lockwood & Co.  
The prospects for selling robes are good. Order 25 bales  
of robes. 1p. 3582
- Nov. 28 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re order on Prime, Ward & King for £100 sterling. 1p. 3584

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Nov. 29 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Details of fish sold. Wishes to reprimand Warren. Contract (enclosed) has been made for new schooner; order for its materials; Crooks is to name it. Master should superintend its building. More whitefish should be caught. Damages for furs to be collected. Sales have about closed. 2p. 3585

Nov. 29 -- New York -- To William B. Lewis, Treasury Department  
Washington

Details of Treasury notes received in payment of Warren's account. L.B.C. 6:190 3586

Nov. 29 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy

Has shipped robes. Details of quality and prices of robes. Discusses plan to take back at the end of the season all unsold packs. L.B.C. 6:191 3587

Nov. 29 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston

Re terms of exchange. Can supply some painted robes. L.B.C. 6:193 3588

Nov. 29 -- Birmingham -- From William Jacot

Order for guns filled. Wildes & Co. have not yet made any communication about goods ordered from Sheffield. 1p. 3589

Nov. 29 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Lees controls beaver market very closely. Small cutters become timid, when Lees show a disposition to buy and often there is no competition. Annexes list of stock of furs now in warehouse. Is still short of raccoons. Has given order for guns to Lacy & Co. Annexes account of sales of deer skins. Has sold bear skins at extravagant prices; 84 bears will net nearly \$2000. 3p. 3590

Nov. 29 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt

Recent shipment of robes was not satisfactory. 1p. 3591

Nov. 30 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of accounts. Annexes copies of settlement with Suydam, Jackson & Co. Re form of payment received from the government. Hopes profit of \$6788.60 will be satisfactory. Webster is in New York. Has received no payment from Kinney, Turner or Rogers. L.B.C. 6:194-195 3592

Nov. 30 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield

Discusses long delay in hearing from Outler. Is pleased that orders will be filled. L.B.C. 6:196 3593

Nov. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Is pleased that Outler will fill orders. Re directions about shipping goods. L.B.C. 6:197 3594



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- Nov. 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Regrets that the Leipsic fair has been poor. Is pleased  
 that the prospect is fair on the continent for deer. Will have  
 to ship beaver to London. Has sold some muskrats. L.B.C. 6:  
 198-199 3595
- Nov. 30 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
 Annexes bills for robes and muskrats. States terms.  
 L.B.C. 6:200 3596
- Nov. 30 -- Philadelphia -- From Aeneas Mackay  
 Describes the kind of pistols manufactured by Deringer and  
 gives the prices. 2p. 3597
- Nov. 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
 Copy of account of sales sent by Lampson; confirmed by  
 Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. 1p. 3598
- Dec. 1 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
 Encloses check for proceeds of drafts collected. L.B.C.  
 6:201 3599
- Dec. 1 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
 Draft for \$1000 on account. 1p. 3600
- Dec. 1 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Sons  
 Re order for muskrats. 1p. 3601
- Dec. 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Enclose warrant from the Treasury Department payable by  
 paymaster in New York. 1p. 3602
- Dec. 2 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
 Encloses note to be collected. Requests payment of part  
 of Bates's account. L.B.C. 6:202 3603
- Dec. 2 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
 Has received remittance. L.B.C. 6:203 3604
- Dec. 2 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
 Re correction in account. L.B.C. 6:204 3605
- Dec. 2 -- New York -- To Bellows & Peck, Walpole  
 Details of terms for robes. L.B.C. 6:205 3606
- Dec. 2 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
 Is pleased that Gratiot will look after the Company's  
 interests with the government. Urges that Rolette be paid full  
 amount awarded him. L.B.C. 6:206 3607
- Dec. 2 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Detroit  
 Re kind of pistols that can be furnished to Sibley. Wishes

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to know if Sibley will continue suttlng next year. Statement of all accounts will be sent to Detroit. Urges that the Indians should not hunt muskrats, as they cannot be sold. Prefers skins that can be sold. L.B.C. 6:207-208 3608

Dec. 2 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Enclose invoices. Markets are more active. lp. 3609

Dec. 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of check from the Company. lp. 3610

Dec. 2 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Notice of goods received from Gott and from Cutler. Re arrangements for shipping the same. lp. 3611

Dec. 2 -- Boston -- From Withington & Wilson  
Enclose drafts to be credited on account. lp. 3612

Dec. 4 -- New York -- From J. J. Astor  
Request for balance due on amount of our friends at St. Louis. Needed from 15th to 20th inst. [Note on back:] Paid \$20,000, Dec. 16, and \$18,000, Dec. 22; Balance to be adjusted between Astor and Chouteau. Signed R.C. lp. 3613

Dec. 4 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Large part of the state loan taken in Detroit and drafts will be drawn on New York. Re buying up Michigan notes in New York. lp. 3614

Dec. 4 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Army paymaster is unable to pay claim. Encloses notes to be collected. L.B.C. 6:209 3615

Dec. 4 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Has shipped muskrats. L.B.C. 6:210 3616

Dec. 4 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Details of certain draft suspected to be worthless. Advises that Brewster make other arrangements to pay Scott. Regrets that Western Outfit robes are poor. Discusses condition of the fur market. Fur trade is at a low ebb. Hudson's Bay Co.'s returns are very large. Fisheries should have careful attention. Wishes Brewster to visit Lake Superior during the summer. Directions to Warren might have beneficial effect. Discusses bad management in transporting fish and the need for more vessels. Has confidence in the decision Brewster may make. Has examined Goodell's plan for the schooner. Details of the loss of fish thru carelessness of inspector at St. Mary's. The Company will not start hotel at Mackinac until more prosperous times arrive. There is need for more barrels at fishing posts. Directions to employ American cooper to be sent to Lapointe. L.B.C. 6:211-221 3617

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- Dec. 4 -- St. Peter's -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Re suit for claims against Dr. Phillio of Galena and Mr.  
Ansley of Mineral Point. 1p. 3618
- Dec. 4 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Cutler  
Encloses invoices. Regrets difficulties concerning recent  
shipments. In spite of unsettled commercial conditions, Cutler  
has not lost a single account. 1p. 3619
- Dec. 4 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Encloses bank notes for \$500 and sends some funds by mes-  
senger. Will pay the balance as soon as he can find money that  
will be current in New York. 1p. 3620
- Dec. 4 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Encloses funds in bills current. 1p. 3621
- Dec. 4 -- Lancaster, Pa. -- From Henry E. Leman  
Annexes receipt for two sample rifles. Can make either  
kind to suit an order. Describes rifle fixtures. 1p. 3622
- Dec. 4 -- Boston -- From Withington & Willson  
Enclose United States bank bills for balance of account.  
1p. 3623
- Dec. 5 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose check for amount of note collected. 2p. 3624
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- To Withington & Willson, Boston  
Re drafts received. Will sell caps at reasonable terms.  
L.B.O. 6:222 3625
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Paymaster has paid claim. Encloses proceeds. L.B.O. 6:  
223 3626
- Dec. 5 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Encloses marked catalog of beaver sale. Prices were bet-  
ter than expected. Details of prices for various grades of  
skins. Nothing new in the fur market. Raccoon trade is in  
a fairly healthy state. Has an open insurance policy on pack-  
ets to cover any goods shipped. Insurance rates are rather  
cheaper and on better terms than in New York and in the case  
of loss settlements can be made without delay. 2p. 3627
- Dec. 5 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Goods for St. Louis have been forwarded. Will forward  
furs and skins. Regret damaged robes in recent shipment. 2p.  
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- Dec. 5 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for robes. 1p. 3629

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- Dec. 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Will remit amount of notes as soon as paid. Request the Company to hold government warrant on paymaster till he gets funds to pay it. 1p. 3630
- Dec. 5 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft and orders robes. 1p. 3631
- Dec. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn and letters to Chouteau. 1p. 3632
- Dec. 6 -- Lapointe -- Charles W. Borup to Lyman M. Warren  
Discusses orders for supplies and goods. Has supplied goods to Aitken as he requested. Indians report that Fond du Lac post has killed a good many bears. Fishing at Isle Encampment has failed entirely; fishing results at Lapointe about the same as in 1836. Workmen expect to have one boat ready in June. Has discouraged Indians from hunting and endeavored to have them fish. 4p. (Northern Outfit Papers 1837) 3633
- Dec. 6 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Encloses note to be credited to Bellows & Peck who will remit the balance as soon as New York funds can be secured. 1p. 3634
- Dec. 6 -- Boston -- From Cornelius Hersey  
Encloses funds to be credited on account. 1p. 3635
- Dec. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge the receipt of check for amount of government warrant. 1p. 3636
- Dec. 7 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Supply order. Change in plans for building 2 ships; they will be sloops. Convenience of having paper money in circulation there. Details of accounts with the Company. 2p. 3637
- Dec. 7 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Has received remittance. L.B.C. 6:224 3638
- Dec. 7 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Chouteau has arrived in New York. Re goods received. Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 6:225 3639
- Dec. 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Hudson's Bay Co. will have such an enormous supply of skins as must depress the market. Regrets that the Leipzig fair went so miserably. Lowest ebb of adverse circumstances must soon be reached and the tide must turn. Advises sales whenever possible. Hotte is spending the winter in New York. Any activity by Hotte will have a bad effect on the market. Re

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otters sold. Encloses draft from Simpson to be collected.  
L.B.O. 6:229-231

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Dec. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Have forwarded letter from the Company to Cutler. Destroyed letter for William Jacot. Enclose bill of lading and note of charges for goods shipped. Enclose extract from Lampson's letter of Dec. 5, giving memorandum of the Company's goods now on hand. 2p.

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Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston

Has forwarded robes. Annexes bill. Details of quality and prices. L.B.O. 6:226

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Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland

Details of accounts. Exchange is ruinous. L.B.O. 6:227

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Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Desires remittance from Bates on account. Re rates of exchange. L.B.O. 6:228

3644

Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Details of drafts. L.B.O. 6:232

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Dec. 8 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons

Will fill order for goods soon. Better quality will be supplied. 1p.

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Dec. 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Re enclosed check. 1p.

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Dec. 9 -- New York -- To James P. Sturgis & Co., Canton

Encloses introduction from Benjamin Clapp. Encloses invoice and bill of lading for muskrats. Requests that rats be disposed of on the best terms possible and that the proceeds be invested in tea. Wishes to know what skins may be sold in the China market. L.B.O. 6:234

3648

Dec. 9 -- New York -- To Henry E. Leman, Lancaster

Has received bill for rifles. Details the precise kind of guns wanted. L.B.O. 6:235

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Dec. 9 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Encloses proceeds of draft collected. Encloses note to be collected. Chouteau is in New York. L.B.O. 6:236

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Dec. 9 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of accounts. Has sold all deer skins at prices satisfactory to Chouteau. L.B.O. 6:237

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- Dec. 9 -- New York -- To Bellows & Peck, Walpole  
Discusses terms of payment for robes. Socks have not arrived. L.B.C. 6:238 3652
- Dec. 9 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Will fill order for materials needed in building new vessel. Approves contract Brewster has made with boat builder. Suggests that the new schooner be named the "William Brewster". Discusses selection of captain for the new vessel. Stanard should be consulted in the selection of captain. New vessel must be constructed at the same point where the "Astor" was built. Houses and equipment for workmen should be provided. Re directions to be given Franchere. Will give directions about fish to Lake Superior agents. Re sale of deer skins. Re trial shipment of muskrats to China. L.B.C. 6:239-243 3653
- Dec. 9 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has sold deer skins for home consumption. Details of prices. Annexes memorandum of packs of Rocky Mountain beaver. L.B.C. 6:244-245 3654
- Dec. 11 -- Lancaster, Pa. -- From Henry E. Leman  
Has no single trigger rifles on hand. Is much engaged on Indian rifles for the War Department. States prices of different styles of rifles. 2p. 3655
- Dec. 11 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of accounts. lp. 3656
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- To Madam Cecilia, Georgetown, D.C.  
Encloses letter from Rolette in regard to his daughter, Virginia. Mackenzie will take Virginia to Georgetown. Directions about payment of her expenses. L.B.C. 6:246 3657
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Directions about payment of Virginia Rolette's expenses at the Academy of the Visitation. L.B.C. 6:247 3658
- Dec. 12 -- Boston -- From Gill & Wheelock  
Has shipped box of merchandise at order of Bellows. lp. 3659
- Dec. 13 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Encloses annual accounts and vouchers. Will sell robes. Rope and bags on hand. Is satisfied with the year's business. Sent copies of all enclosed accounts to respective concerns. 2p. 3660
- Dec. 13 -- New York -- From John M. Catlin  
Wishes to borrow \$800. lp. 3661

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- Dec. 13 -- New York -- To Wilson P. Hunt, St. Louis  
Details of sale of property transferred to the Company by  
Halsey & Co. for the benefit of Hunt. Re account and notes.  
L.B.C. 6:248 3662
- Dec. 13 -- New York -- To A. P. Chouteau, Western Creek Agency,  
Arkansas  
Details of sales of Chouteau's skins. Encloses account.  
L.B.C. 6:249-250 3663
- Dec. 13 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Schoolcraft's report has been referred to Edmunds for re-  
vision; it will then go to the Indian bureau. lp. 3664
- Dec. 13 -- Hartford -- From E. S. Hamilton  
Encloses check to be credited on account for robes. Re  
part of robes taken by another person who will pay for them.  
lp. 3665
- Dec. 13 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Statement of sales of bear skins made to furriers and to  
army at advanced prices. Some Leipsic traders have returned.  
May be able to sell some musquash. Details of furs stolen in  
dock. 2p. 3666
- Dec. 13 -- New York -- From Peter Powell  
Directions about shipment of skins. lp. 3667
- Dec. 14 -- New York -- To Peter Powell, Philadelphia  
Re payment for cask of furs. L.B.C. 6:251 3668
- Dec. 14 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Re report from Merle & Co. of goods  
forwarded. L.B.C. 6:252 3669
- Dec. 14 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of protested draft. lp. 3670
- Dec. 15 -- Walpole -- From Josiah Bellows  
Details of misunderstanding about proposal by certain firm  
to purchase robes. Part of order for socks has been filled.  
lp. 3671
- Dec. 15 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Account of conversation with agent of Johnstown manufac-  
turer wanting deer skins; suggestions. Advises that the Com-  
pany take part of state loan. Told Buffalo firm to sell robes  
for Michigan money. 2p. 3672
- Dec. 15 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Lyman M. Warren  
Reproof for loss of fish. Enclosed in no. 3739. lp. 3673

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- Dec. 15 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton  
Discusses rifles received. Re quality of guns demanded by  
Indians. L.B.C. 6:253 3674
- Dec. 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Result of Lampson's sale is gratifying to the Company.  
Hopes the spring sales will be better. Refers that Hudson's  
Bay Co. put returns on the market and so end depression sooner.  
Has noted advice about foxes, minks, etc. Re skins being  
shipped. L.B.C. 6:255-256 3675
- Dec. 15 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
Re draft received from the Company on account of bill of  
beaver. May ship robes to New York. lp. 3676
- Dec. 16 -- West Chester -- From A. Bolmar  
Wishes to know if the Company will pay the school expenses  
of A. P. Chouteau's son. lp. 3677
- Dec. 16 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Has received remittance on account. L.B.C. 6:257 3678
- Dec. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. Are grateful to the Company for settle-  
ment with Suydam, Jackson & Co. lp. 3679
- Dec. 16 -- Treasury Department -- From William B. Lewis (Second  
Auditor)  
Treasurer will transmit amount of Stephen Dubois' claim  
under treaty with the Sacs and Foxes. lp. 3680
- Dec. 16 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re contents of letter of Dec. 7. Will honor draft in  
favor of W. C. Pickersgill. lp. 3681
- Dec. 18 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Goods have arrived in good order. Encloses bill of lading  
for tin to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 6:258 3682
- Dec. 18 -- Boston -- From Gill & Wheelock  
Enclose check for account of Bellows and Peck. lp. 3683
- Dec. 18 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for tin. Skins arrived in good order.  
Re sale of damaged deer skins. L.B.C. 6:259 3684
- Dec. 18 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Recommends the Company assist Laws and Portier. Enclose  
order for 1838 Indian trade. [Not enclosed.] Statement of  
cloth on hand for which there is no demand; might be sent to  
Outfits. 2p. 3685



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- Dec. 18 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has shipped rifles. Asks for note. 1p. 3686
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To Peter Powell, Philadelphia  
Re account. Details of terms on which the Company will  
buy Powell's robes. L.B.C. 6:260 3687
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To W. C. Pickersgill, Present  
Encloses invoices for skins sent by Lampson from London to  
John G. Sibley. Re statement of charges. L.B.C. 6:261 3688
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for peltries shipped. Re superior quality  
of beaver in shipment. Details directions about selling the  
Company's goods. The Company will approve any action Lampson  
may take. L.B.C. 6:262-263 3689
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re furs and skins shipped to London. L.B.C. 6:264 3690
- Dec. 19 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Re delivery of rifles. Henry uses the best iron obtainable  
in the United States in the manufacture of rifles. 1p. 3691
- Dec. 19 -- Boston -- From Cornelius Hersey  
Encloses check for balance of notes. 1p. 3692
- Dec. 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Sum owed by Lampson for duties will be paid to the Company  
by S. A. Halsey. Market for musquash is not good. Encloses  
particulars of assortment and valuation of beaver and raccoons.  
Describes quality of skins from Detroit and from Ohio. Re  
slight errors in accounts. 2p. 3693
- Dec. 19 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Discuss sale of robes and the prices received. 1p. 3694
- Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Daniel Webster, Washington  
Urges Webster to make payment of notes in amicable manner.  
L.B.C. 6:265 3695
- Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Jacob Rogers & Son, Baltimore  
Must collect Rogers' note unless Rogers arranges payment  
promptly. L.B.C. 6:266 3696
- Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 6:267 3697
- Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Bellows & Peck, Walpole  
Details of accounts. Socks have not arrived. L.B.C. 6:  
268 3698

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- Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re note paid. Details of accounts. L.B.C. 6:269 3699
- Dec. 20 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Will comply with Crooks's wishes regarding Rolette's affairs. The Commissioner, J. W. Edmunds, is from New York. 2p. 3700
- Dec. 20 -- New York -- From Maitland Kennedy & Co.  
Have been requested to take up protested draft held by the Company, an acceptance of Ransom Baldwin & Co. Also are ready to pay \$300 on account of Vallee & Co., Montreal. 1p. 3701
- Dec. 21 -- West Chester -- From A. Bolmar  
Wishes to return draft on Philadelphia and then draw on the Company. 1p. 3702
- Dec. 21 -- New York -- To Bellows & Peck, Walpole  
Re remittances from Wheelock. Annexes statement of account. L.B.C. 6:270 3703
- Dec. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of bankrupt firm and note held by the Company. Re drafts drawn on the Company. Have not yet seen Lyman Warren. 1p. 3704
- Dec. 21 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Is glad that Crooks approves the plan for monopolizing furs. Details of financial arrangements, etc. Suggestions. 3p. 3705
- Dec. 21 -- Prairie du Chien -- From B. W. Brisbois (for Western Outfit)  
Annexes list of articles wanted for Western Outfit in the spring of 1838. [Not annexed.] 1p. 3706
- Dec. 22 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has received kegs of specie. All skins suitable for the London market have been shipped. Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 6:271 3707
- Dec. 22 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Re rifles received. Encloses note in payment. Desires the remainder of the order soon. L.B.C. 6:272 3708
- Dec. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have made additional entries in book in accord with the Company's directions. 1p. 3709
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To A. Bolmar, West Chester, Pa.  
Details of directions about form in which Bolmar wants pay. L.B.C. 6:273 3710

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- Dec. 23 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Arrangements for funds not completed. Buyers will leave  
for assigned districts Dec. 27th. lp. 3711
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Shipments from New Orleans arrived safe. Encloses bill of  
lading for boxes to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 6:274 3712
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Prefers checks on New York. Details of Bolmar's request  
about form of payment. L.B.C. 6:275 3713
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Cannot fill order. L.B.C. 6:276 3714
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To J. N. Nicolet, Baltimore  
Has forwarded package received from Lake Superior. L.B.C.  
6:277 3715
- Dec. 23 -- Washington -- From Treasurer of United States (John  
Campbell)  
Encloses Treasury notes for payment due Stephen Dubois.  
lp. 3716
- Dec. 23 -- Detroit -- From Benjamin L. Webb (Agent Wisconsin  
Shot Co.)  
Re ammunition delivered at Mackinac. Details of agreement  
concerning payment. lp. 3717
- Dec. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
Details of accounts. lp. 3718
- Dec. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of Shewell's financial embarrassment and plan to  
pay his notes. Enclose drafts to be collected. lp. 3719
- Dec. 23 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 3720
- Dec. 23 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of Crooks's letter. lp. 3721
- Dec. 25 -- Birmingham, O. -- From Joseph Archer  
Has arrived with his family at Birmingham. Has sent funds  
to be deposited to his credit. lp. 3722
- Dec. 25 -- New York -- To William B. Lewis, Treasury Department,  
Washington  
Re remittances received for certain claims. L.B.C. 6:278  
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- Dec. 25 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of drafts and notes. L.B.C. 6:279 3724
- Dec. 25 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has received Lampson's report of the fur sale. Heavy Hudson's Bay Co. importations will bring a decline in prices.  
L.B.C. 6:280 3725
- Dec. 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Is pleased with the prospects for deer skins. Discusses returns of deer skins. Hopes beaver will bring a fair price.  
L.B.C. 6:281-282 3726
- Dec. 26 -- West Chester -- From A. Bolmar  
Details of arrangements about funds. 1p. 3727
- Dec. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Gill, Campbell & Co.  
Desire instructions about certain acceptances held by them for the account of Sublette & Campbell. 1p. 3728
- Dec. 26 -- Detroit -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Details kind of pistols wanted. Stambaugh in re suttlng settlement objects to being obliged to take debts due the establishment but wishes to receive merely stock of goods. Sibley will not agree to such an arrangement. Has written a full discussion of the subject to Stambaugh. Annexes extracts. Desires Crooks to communicate with Stambaugh. Has written Dousman to stop muskrats hunts. 3p. (Western Outfit Miscellany). 3729
- Dec. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Statement of amount received from Shewell's note. Instructions about accounts. 1p. 3730
- Dec. 27 -- New York -- To Gill, Campbell & Co., Philadelphia  
Discusses payment of notes. L.B.C. 6:283 3731
- Dec. 27 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 6:284 3732
- Dec. 27 -- Hartford -- From E. S. Hamilton  
Last order of buffalo robes was very good. Orders two bales more for a person at Norwich. Re the price at which robes are sold. 2p. 3733
- Dec. 27 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has received note from the Company. Rifles were delivered at Brunswick to be forwarded. 1p. 3734
- Dec. 27 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Encloses account of sales of beaver. Expects to sell the remainder of beaver satisfactorily. "Should Canadians in the end succeed .... in establishing their independence, will the

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quarrels in Canada induce you to extend the business of the Company in the neighborhood of the lakes"? Hudson's Bay Co. in case of separation between this country and Canada would not be able to prosecute their business so profitably as heretofore.  
2p. 3735

Dec. 27 -- New Hartford -- Elihu Olmstead to the Company  
Encloses check in payment for elk skins. 1p. 3736

Dec. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Instructions about enclosed note. 1p. 3737

Dec. 27 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Re accounts. Re draft drawn on Center & Son. 2p. 3738

Dec. 28 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Re certain draft E. Morse & Co. endorsed. Will advise Crooks about fisheries when he arrives. Estimates the cost of the new schooner. Has not heard from namesake at Geddes about furnishing the Company with salt. Terms on which cooper for Lapointe was engaged. Remarks on the prospects for certain furs. Canton [China] venture may develop a good market for muskrats. Remarks on the schooner's name, master, etc. McCormick, Moon & Crane will pay note. Has told buyers to be cautious and secret. Is going to Ohio to arrange for funds for operations there and to buy supplies. Will have money for all but next season's fur purchases. Details of prices paid for hogs, lard and hams. Encloses no. 3673. 7p. 3739

Dec. 28 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Prices on cloth and blankets are advancing. Unfavorable reports from Canada may counteract these advances. 1p. 3740

Dec. 29 -- New York -- To -- Wickham, Norwich, Conn.  
Re robes shipped at the order of Hamilton. L.B.O. 6:285  
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Dec. 29 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Has shipped robes to Wickham. Annexes bill and statement of account. L.B.O. 6:286 3742

Dec. 29 -- New York -- To Elihu Olmsted, West Hartford, Conn.  
Has shipped elk skins. L.B.O. 6:287 3743

Dec. 29 -- New York -- To Bellows & Peck, Walpole  
Has received socks. L.B.O. 6:288 3744

Dec. 29 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton  
Has received rifles. Details of accounts. L.B.O. 6:289  
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- Dec. 29 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Enclose check to be credited on account. Order additional robes. Desire to know the prospects for furs. 1p. 3746
- Dec. 29 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft. Has been waiting for more favorable exchange. 1p. 3747
- Dec. 30 -- West Chester -- From A. Bolmar  
Re directions for payment of certain draft. 1p. 3748
- Dec. 30 -- Boston -- From James Boyd  
Details of check enclosed to be collected. Desires the proceeds of this check to be used to pay for robes bought from the Company. 2p. 3749
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 6:290 3750
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To A. Bolmar, West Chester, Pa.  
Has paid bills for A. P. Chouteau's son. L.B.C. 6:292 3751
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Re accounts. Mild winter prevents the sale of robes. Wishes to know what furs Hotte purchased in Boston. Discusses low market prices for furs at London. L.B.C. 6:294-295 3752
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Huckins, Crocker & Co., Boston  
Re error in charges for transporting robes. L.B.C. 6:295 3753
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Re funds for Virginia Rolette. Chouteau reports Indian treaties are before the Senate. Wishes to know when the Chipewa treaty negotiated by Gov. Dodge will be taken up. Half-breed claims should be paid at Lapointe. Will forward petitions from the half-breeds. If necessary Crooks will go to Washington. L.B.C. 6:296-298 3754
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Fears the effects of the enormous Hudson's Bay Co.'s importations. Has received sample northwest gun but consider the price too high. L.B.C. 6:299-300 3755
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To -- Leisson, Pierry, France  
Has forwarded letter to Baraga. Hopes to sell champagne in the spring; the demand is very limited. Baraga is located at Lapointe. Baraga's sister will spend the winter at Isle of Michillimackinac and join him in the spring. L.B.C. 6:301 3756

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- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Alessandro Bertolla, Venice  
Has received beads, hats and clocks. Beads have been forwarded to St. Louis. Has not been able to sell hats and clocks. Will send future orders in French as requested. Discusses sending samples of various skins. L.B.C. 6:302 3757
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Fratelli Coen di Benodetti, Venice  
Will try beads from Coen's factory when next purchase is made. L.B.C. 6:303 3758
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has not found any Michigan Bank certificates in New York. Money is difficult to raise for existing engagements. L.B.C. 6:305-306 3759
- Dec. 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose abstract of the Company's account current for the last six months, showing balance of £16022 . 4 . 4 in favor of Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. [Not enclosed]. 1p. 3760
- Dec. 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Annex copy of account of sales rendered by Lampson. 1p. 3761
- Dec. 31 -- Venice -- Fratelli Coen di Benedetto to the Company  
Details of change in organization of firm. 1p. 3762

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- Jan. 1 -- Manchester -- A. S. Henry & Co. to the Company  
Circular -- Trade has improved and prices are higher. Rise in cotton is of importance to America. Actual consumption of cotton in 1837 was greater than in 1836. Re advance on wool and silks. Stocks of articles adapted to United States trade are very light. Time will be required for the execution of orders. 2p. 3763
- Jan. 1 -- Birmingham -- From Joseph Archer  
Sends the remainder of funds due Crooks. 1p. 3764
- Jan. 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have received statement of cash account. 1p. 3765
- Jan. 2 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Banks will not make any collections. Encloses notes to be collected. Stocking & Hunt want more robes. L.B.C. 6:351 3766
- Jan. 2 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Annexes statement of account. Has received check. L.B.C. 6:352 3767

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Jan. 2 -- New York -- To James Boyd, Boston  
Re accounts. L.B.C. 6:353

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Jan. 2 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica

Regrets that obstacles in navigation prevent shipment of robes. The prospect for furs is very bad. Red fox skins remain unsold in Europe. Re directions about prices. Hudson's Bay Co. have imported enormous quantities of every kind of skins. Further decline in prices is inevitable. L.B.C. 6:354-355

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Jan. 2 -- Baltimore -- From Lloyd N. Rogers

Re objections to paying note for certain land. Difficulties about title. Rogers will pay as soon as legal matters are adjusted. 3p.

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Jan. 2 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette

Poor fur returns. Personalities. Addition to private memorandum. 1p.

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Jan. 2 -- Washington -- From Daniel Webster

Had hoped to pay Chouteau's note earlier but has not been able to collect funds. Proposes to pay \$3000 in February, \$2500 in May and \$2500 in July. 2p.

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Jan. 4 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot

Committee of the Senate will decide on all Indian treaties made in the past year. Crooks should forward memorial of the half-breeds relative to the place where they are to receive their dividends under the Chippewa treaty. Encloses letter to Hon. L.F. Linn on the matter. (no. 3774) 2p.

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Jan. 4 -- Washington -- Charles H. Gratiot to Hon. L. F. Linn

Re letter from Crooks on the subject of payments under the Chippewa treaty negotiated by Gov. Dodge. Recommends Lapointe as the most convenient place for half-breeds to receive their payments. 1p. Enclosed in no. 3773.

3774

Jan. 4 -- London -- From Lacy & Reynolds

Annex invoice of sample guns made exactly to pattern of the Northwest Co. Are hopeful of establishing permanent business connection with the Company. 2p.

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Jan. 4 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Prices for deer skins in New York are better than in London. Small quantity of deer skins to be offered at the February sale will advance prices. Suggests that the Company forward deer skins for the April sale. Wishes to prevent Cape goat skins being used as a substitute for deer skins. German dressers have been using Cape goats as substitute for buckskin leather and a more general use of goat would injure the sale of



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deer skins. Details of the kinds of deer skins that sell the best in London. Does not expect Lees to reduce the present market prices on beaver. New York prices for otter are 30 per cent higher than can be realized in London. Does not know what is to be done with musquash; there are no prospects for selling any. Statement of skins missing in a recent shipment. Hopes guns from Lacey's will be satisfactory. 3p. 3776

Jan. 4 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.

Weather has not been favorable for the sale of robes. Have had to take northern and eastern bills in payment. The Company may draw on Lockwoods for \$2000 to be credited to account. lp. 3777

Jan. 4 -- Utica -- Stocking & Hunt to John B. Whetten  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. lp. 3778

Jan. 4 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re drafts. Business is dull. lp. 3779

Jan. 4 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Request aid for a young man who is going to New York to seek employment. lp. 3780

Jan. 5 -- New York -- To Daniel Webster, Washington  
Details of Webster's proposal to pay note. Expects prompt payments at the dates specified. L.B.O. 6:356 3781

Jan. 5 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Enclose notes for collection. L.B.O. 6:357 3782

Jan. 5 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co. (per G. K. Coats)  
Enclose copy of account. Sale of robes has been dull. Have sold 10 bales, shipped 30 bales to Brewster, 20 bales to Cleveland and 10 bales to Painsville, Ohio. lp. 3783

Jan. 5 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Details of drafts enclosed and rates of exchange. Have sold part of robes. lp. 3784

Jan. 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
Desires to sell the Company remainder of robes. lp. 3785

Jan. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received draft on H. L. Hoffman which he declines to accept. Warren has not called for letter addressed to him. lp. 3786

Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Peter Powell, Philadelphia  
Will take robes on the same terms as those purchased from Laidlaw. L.B.O. 6:358 3787

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- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Lloyd N. Rogers, Baltimore  
Details of Chouteau's proposal about Rogers' note. L.B.O. 6:359 3788
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Washington  
Has received documents from Jones. Discusses Indian treaties and the importance of the half-breed claims being paid at Lapointe. Details of difficulties in the way of the half-breeds going to St. Peter's for payment. Will enclose petition from the half-breeds. Requests report on any action concerning the treaty. L.B.O. 6:360-362 3789
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Re communication to Gen. Jones about half-breed claims. Advises Gratiot to discuss the matter with Jones. L.B.O. 6:363-364 3790
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Rev. J. Timon, Havre  
Details of draft credited to Rev. Etienne. Discussion of safe investments in United States. Is gratified at the result of Timon's mission. L.B.O. 6:365-367 3791
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Rev. Etienne, Paris  
Has written Rev. Timon fully regarding drafts and investments. L.B.O. 6:368 3792
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Account is correct. Goods have arrived in port. L.B.O. 6:369 3793
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds.  
Re invoices received. Prices of blankets are lower than were expected. Will send sample of French blankets. Present experiment will decide the relative advantages of using English or French blankets. Will remit funds soon. L.B.O. 6:370-371 3794
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London  
Is grateful for payment of bill of exchange in favor of Aitken. Is pleased that Hudson's Bay Co. assents to continuing the arrangement with the Company. The Company will conform strictly to the true spirit of the arrangement. L.B.O. 6:372 3795
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re accounts. Discusses transportation facilities between England and the United States. Outler has filled order promptly. Gotts will have goods ready on time. Has received account of sales from Lampson. Re draft. L.B.O. 6:373-374 3796

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- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Account of sales is correct except the item of commission.  
Regrets that beaver arrived late. Unusual sales of bear skins  
illustrates how capricious fashion is. L.B.C. 6:375-376 3797
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To William Jacot, Birmingham  
Regrets error in length of guns. Cutler has filled or-  
ders. L.B.C. 6:377 3798
- Jan. 6 -- Albany -- From Lyon, Chesebore & Co.  
Enclose notes and draft to be credited on account. lp. 3799
- Jan. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have received notes to be collected. lp. 3800
- Jan. 8 -- Montreal -- From Beausoliel, Vallée & Co.  
Are unable to make payments. Will use utmost exertions to  
liquidate claims of the Company. Expect country merchants to  
pay eventually. lp. 3801
- Jan. 8 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Re accounts. Details of difficulties in re form of pay-  
ments. Banka refuse to collect any papers. L.B.C. 6:378 3802
- Jan. 8 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Re account. Regrets that mild weather prevents the sale  
of robes. L.B.C. 6:379-380 3803
- Jan. 8 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Sons, Boston  
Enclose draft to be accepted. Desire information about  
Powell's robes sent to Boston. L.B.C. 6:381 3804
- Jan. 8 -- New York -- To Lyon, Chesebore & Co., Albany  
Details of accounts. Has forwarded Towne's draft for ac-  
ceptance. Hopes to receive money by the time navigation opens.  
L.B.C. 6:382 3805
- Jan. 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
Will forward robes as soon as weather permits. lp. 3806
- Jan. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. lp. 3807
- Jan. 8 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re letter from the Company about drafts. lp. 3808
- Jan. 9 -- Cleveland -- From William Brewster  
Cleveland bank offered best terms for Ohio and Indiana  
money. Ohio banks are unwilling to give their bills on any  
terms. Hunt is waiting at Lower Sandusky for money. Is re-  
turning to Detroit Jan. 10. lp. 3809

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- Jan. 9 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Will forward robes to Albany for customers in that region.  
Re prices. Annexes invoice. L.B.C. 6:383-385 3810
- Jan. 9 -- New York -- To Robinson & Co., Albany  
Details of account for transportation of the Company's  
property between Buffalo and New York. Re rates of toll. Re-  
quests corrected account. L.B.C. 6:386-388 3811
- Jan. 9 -- New York -- To John M. Hughes, Present  
Re letter to Robinson & Co. Requests that letter be de-  
livered to Knowers. L.B.C. 6:389 3812
- Jan. 9 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has sent 20 rifles to New Brunswick to be forwarded by  
boat to New York. Sends bill for entire order. lp. 3813
- Jan. 9 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Mary Holiday  
Details of family needs. 2p. 3814
- Jan. 9 -- New York -- From Jacot, Smith, Bryce & Jones  
Invoices inclosed. Ask the Company to take guns not made  
according to order if possible. Ask for 3 months notes in pay-  
ment for guns. lp. 3815
- Jan. 9 -- Washington -- From G. W. Jones  
Has received petition from Crooks. There are strong ob-  
jections in the Committee to ratifying the Chippewa treaty.  
Land should be left to the Indians. lp. 3816
- Jan. 10 -- New York -- To Jacot, Smith, Bryce & Jones, Present  
Has received bills for northwest guns. Is pleased with  
sample guns but prices are too high. L.B.C. 6:390 3817
- Jan. 10 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Encloses draft and some New York, New Jersey and Vermont  
bills. Has sent all the bills he can find in Portland. Asks  
for prices of furs. lp. 3818
- Jan. 10 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Received 100 bales of buffalo robes and invoice for the  
same. Have insured robes for \$5000 with Albany Insurance Co.;  
enclose policy. lp. 3819
- Jan. 10 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.  
Regret condition of exchange. Expect to send package of  
safety fund bills by messenger. Sales of robes have been very  
slow. lp. 3820
- Jan. 10 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
Encloses receipt for robes shipped to the Company. lp. 3821

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Jan. 10 -- Detroit -- From Henry H. Sibley

Re financial affairs with Bailly. Dousman thinks Stambaugh will delay decision in regard to the suttlng until it is too late to order goods and then Stambaugh will claim business at Fort Snelling on the ground that the Company failed to furnish goods. Requests Crooks to have a full understanding with Stambaugh. Wishes to be rid of Stambaugh next spring. Dousman reports prospects exceedingly unfavorable for the ensuing year as the Indians will not hunt anything but rats. Re goods sent on Sibley's private account. Newberry has gone to New York. Canadian disturbances have produced great feeling at Detroit. Armed guards are necessary in upholding the law. 3p. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous Papers) 3822

Jan. 11 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Albany

Has received annual account. Wishes explanation about rates. L.B.C. 6:391 3823

Jan. 11 -- New York -- Martin Moutin to Charles H. Gratiot

Has received from Michel Chevalier a package for Gratiot. Asks directions for forwarding. lp. Enclosed in no. 3838. 3824

Jan. 12 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington

Encloses draft to be collected. Banks continue to refuse to make collections. L.B.C. 6:392 3825

Jan. 12 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo

Re errors in account. Expects reduction in rates. Will pay account when it has been corrected. Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 6:393 3826

Jan. 12 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Details of drafts. Is gratified that peace is restored in Montreal. L.B.C. 6:394 3827

Jan. 12 -- Washington -- From G. W. Jones

Requests price of freight and facilities for forwarding merchandise up Lake Superior. This information needed in handling Chiopewa treaty. lp. 3828

Jan. 12 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)

Hopes the Company's beaver will not arrive until after Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Stock of raccoons is low; supply of common western skins much less than usual. Fears fashion for ladies' trimmings in bear skins will not last and prices will decline. 2p. 3829

Jan. 12 -- Hudson, New York -- From Miller & McKinstry

Re effort of Thos. Cornwall to make settlement in small Eastern bank bills. Refused to accept these. Re proposals made for Cornwall to settle his notes. lp. 3830

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- Jan. 12 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft to be credited on account. 1p. 3831
- Jan. 13 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Bates expects to be in New York next week. 1p. 3832
- Jan. 13 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Re goods to be forwarded to St. Louis and insurance.  
L.B.O. 6:395 3833
- Jan. 13 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Re notes and drafts received. The prospects for fur sales  
in Europe are not encouraging. Details of the causes of the  
present condition of the fur market. Discusses safe prices to  
pay for various skins. Annexes statement of Hudson's Bay Co.'s  
importation in 1836 and 1837. L.B.O. 6:396-397 3834
- Jan. 13 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Has shipped some robes to Albany. Re prices and quality.  
L.B.O. 6:398 3835
- Jan. 13 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Has shipped robes to Albany. Re prices. Desires payment  
on account. L.B.O. 6:399 3836
- Jan. 13 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Re directions given Stocking & Hunt and Lockwood & Co.  
about robes. Details of prices. L.B.O. 6:400 3837
- Jan. 13 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Gen. Jones has laid memorials sent by Crooks before the  
President with the request to bring the matter before the Sen-  
ate. Harris reports he is fully authorized to pay the money  
whenever claimants request it; he intends to consult agencies  
as to the most convenient time. Jones fears the Chippewa  
treaty will not be ratified. Encloses no. 3824. 2p. 3838
- Jan. 15 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses duplicate of bill of lading. L.B.O. 6:401 3839
- Jan. 15 -- New York -- To Miller & McKinstry, Hudson  
Approves offer made to Cornwall about note. Expects to  
see Brodie soon. L.B.O. 6:402 3840
- Jan. 15 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Goods have arrived. Invoices are correct. L.B.O. 6:403 3841
- Jan. 15 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Is gratified that goods will arrive early. Will advise  
fully about French blankets. L.B.O. 6:404-405 3842

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- Jan. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re account. Goods arrived in good condition. Does not expect depression in fur prices to be lower than Lampson's estimate. Annexes statement of bills drawn. L.B.C. 6:406-407  
3843
- Jan. 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Is gratified that some beaver can be sold. Approves of private sales whenever possible. Discusses the fur market. Details of insurance arrangements. Re bills of exchange drawn and the Company's need for funds. Encloses draft on Hudson's Bay Co. to be collected. L.B.C. 6:408-411  
3844
- Jan. 15 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Have received in good order goods consigned to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Enclose bill of lading for box of merchandise. 2p.  
3845
- Jan. 15 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose check in payment of note collected. 1p.  
3846
- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To Orr M. Towne, Boston  
Re check received and credited on account. L.B.C. 6:412  
3847
- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Washington  
Details of facilities for transportation on Lake Superior. The Company's schooner runs from Fort Brady to Lapointe. The Company will build new vessel in 1838. The Company will give free transportation to government agent to go to Lapointe to make half-breed payments. Gratiot reports that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is willing to have payment made at the most convenient point. L.B.C. 6:413-414  
3848
- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To Peter Powell, Philadelphia  
Robes have been received and examined and damage appraised. Re payment for robes. L.B.C. 6:415  
3849
- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Is gratified that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs will accommodate half-breed claimants. Wishes to know the probable time of payment. L.B.C. 6:416  
3850
- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To Miller & McKinstry, Hudson  
Details of certain notes for collection. L.B.C. 6:417  
3851
- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To Theodore Clark, New York  
Will have to collect note by legal means unless paid immediately. L.B.C. 6:418  
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- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
 Re payment on account. Hopes robes can be sold. L.B.C.  
 6:419 3853
- Jan. 16 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
 Encloses check to be credited on account. Is offering  
 robes at \$54 per bale. Some robes sent from New Orleans sell  
 at \$3.50 each. 2p. 3854
- Jan. 16 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
 Lampson will give usual attention to recent shipment of  
 furs. lp. 3855
- Jan. 17 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
 Re check received. L.B.C. 6:420 3856
- Jan. 17 -- New York -- To Major Eaneas Mackay, Philadelphia  
 Details of order for pair of pistols. L.B.C. 6:421 3857
- Jan. 17 -- New York -- To Hunt & Co., New Haven  
 Requests check in payment of enclosed note. L.B.C. 6:422  
 3858
- Jan. 17 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
 Encloses letter for member of firm of Holt, Palmer & Co.  
 who is in Albany. L.B.C. 6:423 3859
- Jan. 18 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
 Asks for instructions about certain draft. Jones thinks  
 Nicollet's explanation before the Senate committee will over-  
 come all objections and the Chippewa treaty will be decided  
 Jan. 18. lp. 3860
- Jan. 18 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe  
 Details of drawing draft to pay engineer who constructed  
 steam mill at Twin Rivers. Note due from Alexis Bailly is un-  
 paid; Bailly did not get his claim against the government.  
 Discusses goods for Indian trade; times are very dull. 4p.  
 3861
- Jan. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
 Re account for robes and arrangement for payment. lp.  
 3862
- Jan. 18 -- Detroit -- From Henry H. Sibley  
 Is convinced that Stambaugh desires to have charge of  
 suttling himself; Sibley is willing to end all connection with  
 him. Wishes to be fully advised of Stambaugh's plans. Fears  
 much difficulty in making final settlement with him. Encloses  
 letter to be forwarded to Stambaugh. 2p. (Western Outfit Misc.)  
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- Jan. 19 -- New York -- To Peter Powell, Philadelphia  
Re bill for robes. L.B.O. 6:424 3864
- Jan. 19 -- New York -- To Cunningham, Cashier Duchess Co. Bank,  
Poughkeepsie  
Requests collection of enclosed note. L.B.O. 6:426 3865
- Jan. 19 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
Regrets that robes sell so poorly. Exchange rates are op-  
pressive. L.B.O. 6:425 3866
- Jan. 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses second of bill of exchange on Hudson's Bay Co.  
L.B.O. 6:427 3867
- Jan. 19 -- Albany -- From Holt, Palmer & Co. (per H. M. Holt)  
Price charged in shipping the Company's goods was incor-  
rect. Refers to previous letters. Suggests contract for man-  
aging transportation for the Company for a term of years. lp.  
3868
- Jan. 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Nothing of interest in regard to the fur market. Imports  
from the states have been large. General fur sales are fixed  
for March. lp. 3869
- Jan. 20 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Has received rifles. Annexes statement of account. Does  
not expect any further orders for rifles. L.B.O. 6:428 3870
- Jan. 20 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to St.  
Louis. L.B.O. 6:429 3871
- Jan. 20 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of directions about collections of certain claim.  
Early payment is of primary importance. Does not understand  
why Warren did not go to St. Louis. Re goods shipped to Merle  
& Co. Will send invoices, annual accounts, etc., soon. L.B.O.  
6:430-431 3872
- Jan. 20 -- Duchess Co. Bank -- From W. Cunningham  
Will give attention to collecting note. lp. 3873
- Jan. 20 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Enclose draft for amount of certain note. Another note  
returned unpaid. lp. 3874
- Jan. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. lp. 3875
- Jan. 21 -- Detroit -- From Alexis Bailly  
Re money to be paid to Crooks by Indian Department on claim

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of Bailly against the Ottawas. Times are hard in the lake region. Is going to Michigan City. lp. 3876

Jan. 22 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
Re change in date for powder to be shipped. L.B.C. 6:432 3877

Jan. 22 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Approves Brewster's demands on Warren. Warren shows too much apathy and indifference. Hopes Brewster can visit all the Lake Superior fishing stations. Re the importance of the proper care of fish. Considers employing only American coopers. Re directions to engage William Thompson as captain of the new schooner. Re contract to be made with Thompson. Discusses accounts. Requests Brewster not to draw on the Company. Details of annual documents. Encloses note to be collected. Encloses duplicate of Lampson's letters concerning the fur market. L.B.C. 6:433-438 3878

Jan. 23 -- Dutchess Co. Bank -- From W. Cunningham (Cashier)  
Encloses draft for the proceeds of note collected. lp. 3879

Jan. 23 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knowler, Albany  
Re enclosed note to be collected. L.B.C. 6:439 3880

Jan. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has shipped all grizzly bear skins. A less quantity of raccoons has been collected. The hatting business is in excellent condition. Has directed traders to prevent Indians from hunting so many muskrats. L.B.C. 6:440-442 3881

Jan. 24 -- New York -- To W. Cunningham, Poughkeepsie  
Has received draft for note collected. L.B.C. 6:443 3882

Jan. 24 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Details of the results of beaver sale. Lees have bought sparingly. Discusses the prospects for the sale of musquash. lp. 3883

Jan. 24 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose check for amount of certain note. lp. 3884

Jan. 25 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has received check for note collected. L.B.C. 6:444 3885

Jan. 25 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses invoices for goods shipped. Re invoice for goods for Chouteau and for Mackenzie. Will forward French blankets. L.B.C. 6:445 3886

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- Jan. 25 -- New York -- To Robinson & Co., Albany  
Account still is not correct. Details of errors. L.B.C.  
6:446-447 3887
- Jan. 25 -- New York -- To John M. Hughes, Present  
Robinson's & Co.'s account is not correct. Encloses state-  
ment of the Company's account. L.B.C. 6:448 3888
- Jan. 25 -- New York -- To Seymour, Hall & Co., Present  
Requests payment of draft. L.B.C. 6:449 3889
- Jan. 25 -- New York -- To J. D. Morton, River Raisin Bank,  
Present  
Discusses draft by president of bank and difficulty in se-  
curing payment. L.B.C. 6:450 3890
- Jan. 25 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co. (per G. K. Coats)  
Return draft on Rev. Charles Smith with notice of nonac-  
ceptance and nonpayment. lp. 3891
- Jan. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose draft to be collected. lp. 3892
- Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Discusses certain draft. L.B.C. 6:451 3893
- Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for French blankets. All shipments are  
fully insured. L.B.C. 6:452 3894
- Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Beausoliel, Vallée & Co., Montreal  
Annexes statement of account. Requests remittance of the  
balance. L.B.C. 6:453 3895
- Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Annexes statement of account. Requests settlement. L.B.C.  
6:455 3896
- Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Daniel Knight, Portsmouth  
Annexes statement of account. Requests settlement.  
L.B.C. 6:456 3897
- Jan. 26 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
Annexes statement of account. Desires settlement soon.  
The Company's engagements are pressing. L.B.C. 6:457 3898
- Jan. 27 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for blankets to be forwarded to  
St. Louis. L.B.C. 6:458 3899
- Jan. 27 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses draft accepted by Arthur & Brower. L.B.C. 6:459  
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- Jan. 27 -- New York -- To Samuel C. Stambaugh, Lancaster  
The Company is prepared to sell interest in suttlng at  
Fort Snelling to Stambaugh. L.B.C. 6:460 3901
- Jan. 27 -- New York -- To Lloyd N. Rogers, Baltimore  
Wishes to know Rogers' arrangements to pay note. L.B.C.  
6:461 3902
- Jan. 27 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Re draft to be collected. Nicolet has taken package for  
Gratiot. L.B.C. 6:462 3903
- Jan. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Approve the Company's holding a certain draft. Request  
the collection of the enclosed draft. lp. 3904
- Jan. 29 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for guns to be forwarded to St.  
Louis. L.B.C. 6:463 3905
- Jan. 29 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re certain draft. L.B.C. 6:464 3906
- Jan. 29 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Re statement of account. Encloses note to be collected.  
L.B.C. 6:465 3907
- Jan. 29 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Re decline in the supply of furs in 1837 over 1836. Mus-  
quash in unsaleable. Intense cold weather has improved the  
prospects for the spring fur sales. Expects attendance from  
the continent to be larger than at any previous sale. Some  
inquiry for red fox by the Greeks who ship direct to Smyrna.  
Discusses results of the beaver sale. 2p. 3908
- Jan. 29 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Duplicate account collectable against Post Office Depart-  
ment. Advice as to the method of securing claim from Bailly.  
lp. 3909
- Jan. 30 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Sales account of sugar and fish to be entered on Depart-  
ment's books. Storms have done much damage to wharves, boats  
and lightship; lighthouse is down. lp. 3910
- Jan. 30 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses Abraham Wendell's draft on collector of New York  
for \$900. 2p. 3911
- Jan. 30 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell  
Commercial confidence has been very generally restored  
and prices of staple manufactures have been advancing. Stocks

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of goods on hand are unusually light. Advise that orders for fall trade be sent early. lp. 3912

Jan. 30 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Re spring supply order. Poor returns from the Indian hunts. 2p. 3913

Jan. 30 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Wishes the Company to take case of Northwest guns. Has few Lancaster pattern rifles. lp. 3914

Jan. 30 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge the receipt of the Company's letters. lp. 3915

Jan. 31 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Financial conditions are harder than ever. Encloses a worthless draft. Encloses note to be collected and credited to Stephen Halsey. Encloses copy of Lampson's letter concerning the skin market in Europe. Re Lampson's valuation of raccoons. Has shipped some muskrats to London where they may sell. L.B.C. 6:466-467 3916

Jan. 31 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Prefers that all the Company's skins be sold before any of the new crop is received. Western firms have annual settlement July 1 with the traders of the interior; desires account of sales by that date. Re muskrats shipped. To get them out of the way is more important than the price received. The prospect for selling was never worse. Lampson's sales of bear and beaver are highly satisfactory. Winter has been very mild. The quality of Detroit raccoons will be inferior. L.B.C. 6:468-470 3917

Jan. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re muskrats shipped to Lampson. Has ordered goods from Gotta and Cutler. L.B.C. 6:471 3918

Jan. 31 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re change in date for shipment of goods. Will send sample French blanket on the next packet. L.B.C. 6:473 3919

Jan. 31 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Re change in date for shipment of goods. L.B.C. 6:474 3920

Jan. 31 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Details of certain draft. Chippewa treaty begins to gain favor. lp. 3921

Jan. 31 -- Hartford -- From E. S. Hamilton  
Encloses proceeds of note collected. New York funds are

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- scarce and the current rate is 2 per cent. 2p. 3922
- Feb. -- -- Chillicothe, Ohio -- From Swift & McGinnis  
Order for otter and beaver skins. Are unable to purchase  
from Pratte, Chouteau & Co., as they had shipped all skins to  
New York. 1p. 3923
- Feb. 1 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose draft and note to be credited on account. 1p. 3924
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for northwest guns. L.B.C. 6:475 3925
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of young man sent from Canada to St. Louis in  
search of work as a clerk. Re non-payment of a certain draft.  
Re funds collected for a cripple who lives in Canada. L.B.C.  
6:476-478 3926
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Has received draft for proceeds of note collected. L.B.C.  
6:479 3927
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
Re form in which account may be paid. L.B.C. 6:480 3928
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Sons, Boston  
Re terms for settlement of account. L.B.C. 7:1 3929
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne; Boston  
Re terms for settlement of account, L.B.C. 7:2 3930
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Remittance on account will be very acceptable. Robes may  
be obtained from Knowers. L.B.C. 7:3 3931
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knowers, Albany  
Money is exceedingly scarce. Requests remittance for  
robes. L.B.C. 7:4 3932
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Robes may be obtained from Knowers. The Company is in  
need of funds. L.B.C. 7:5 3933
- Feb. 1 -- Albany -- From Robinson & Co.  
Discuss errors in accounts; discrepancy in freight. 1p. 3934
- Feb. 2 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Re directions for collection of certain draft. Is grati-  
fied at the prospects for early ratification of Indian treaties  
L.B.C. 7:6 3935

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- Feb. 2 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Annexes Lampson's assortment and valuation of raccoons.  
L.B.C. 7:7 3936
- Feb. 2 -- New York -- To Francis Bonand, Pittsburgh  
Re powder forwarded by wagons to Pittsburgh from DuPont's  
factory. L.B.C. 7:8 3937
- Feb. 2 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Bousman  
Re certain claims under the Winnebago treaty. 1p. 3938
- Feb. 2 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Found great excitement over Canadian affairs upon return.  
Details of contract with Zanesville firm for flour. Re opera-  
tions of the Company and rivals. Has made advance to Sibley.  
Sent notes against certain firms. Details of affairs which  
have leaked out and who told. Inquires if there is place in  
the Company's employ for Benjamin Clapp. 3p. 3939
- Feb. 3 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Re enclosed draft. Discuss paying account. 2p. 3940
- Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Samuel O. Stambaugh, Washington  
Encloses letter from Sibley. Wishes to know Stambaugh's  
decision in regard to the suttlng at Fort Snelling. L.B.C. 8;  
9 3941
- Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Hopes the Chippewa treaty will soon be ratified. Is  
gratified to know where Stambaugh is located. Encloses letter  
for Stambaugh. L.B.C. 7:10 3942
- Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Detroit  
Has sent letters to Stambaugh and requested prompt reply  
from him on the matter of suttlng. Desires to close relations  
with Stambaugh. Will give attention to requisition. Has or-  
dered pistols for Sibley. Commissioner cannot decide claims  
under the Ottawa treaty until evidence is received. Regrets  
that the Sioux did not like Bousman's advice to let muskrats  
live. States the quantity of muskrats in the market. Discus-  
ses the conditions in the fur market. Crooks will visit the  
upper Mississippi in the summer of 1838. Is pleased that the  
revolutionary uproar in Michigan is at an end. L.B.C. 7:11-13  
3943
- Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Annexes receipt for the balance paid on account. L.B.C.  
7:14 3944
- Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has received remittance. L.B.C. 7:15 3945

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Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Powder has been sent to Pittsburgh. Chouteau has given instructions for forwarding the powder from Pittsburgh. Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.O. 7:16 3946

Feb. 3 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Annexes Lampson's opinion of the prospects for furs and skins. If Hudson's Bay Co. will only sell stock and leave clear market, prices must be low but cheapness will make skins more generally used and the market will return to a healthy state. Lampson's observations are to be kept entirely quiet. Details of rates of exchange. Details of goods for Sherman Hall's mission not delivered. L.B.O. 7:17-18 3947

Feb. 3 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
No definite information on the state of the Indian treaties before the Senate; opinion prevails that all will be ratified. lp. 3948

Feb. 3 -- Cairo, New York -- Horace Austin to Miller & McKinstry  
Has investigated property holdings, mortgages, notes, etc. of Thos. Cornwall. Is perfectly satisfied Cornwall cannot pay his debts and sees no chance to get hold of anything. lp. 3949

Feb. 3 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of drafts enclosed for collection. Ask for remittance in Philadelphia papers. Request information about A. P. Chouteau! Do not wish to lose large claim against Chouteau. lp. 3950

Feb. 5 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Will follow Crooks's instructions about funds. Details of matters connected with getting funds. The Company's scheme to monopolize furs is still secret. Will close agreement with Capt. Thompson. Enderser will pay certain draft. Will send Crooks proposition of bank for furnishing the Company with funds. Discussion about salt. lp. 3951

Feb. 5 -- New York -- To Alexis Bailly, Michigan City  
Claims under the Ottawa treaty cannot be decided, until more evidence is received from Schoolcraft. L.B.O. 7:19 3952

Feb. 5 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. Discusses accounts of A. P. Chouteau. L.B.O. 7:20 3953

Feb. 5 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Sons, Boston  
Details of drafts remitted. Any funds will be acceptable in payment of account. L.B.O. 7:21 3954



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- Feb. 5 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
Account is correct. Cannot remit at present. Several banks have failed; sound banks will not discount a dollar. Has not sold a robe in four weeks. 2p. 3955
- Feb. 5 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Bank check enclosed. It is very difficult to secure currency. Ask the Company to accept eastern money at par. Sales of robes very slow. lp. 3956
- Feb. 5 -- New York -- From Hughes & Rice (per Grunman)  
Encloses corrected account between the Company and Robinson & Co. Robinson will give any explanation necessary. lp. 3957
- Feb. 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
Encloses Lyman M. Warren's draft on the Company. Asks for terms of payment. Wishes to sell robes to the Company. lp. 3958
- Feb. 6 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft for the balance of account. lp. 3959
- Feb. 7 -- New York -- To Peter Powell, Philadelphia  
Discusses Warren's draft. The Company is not inclined to purchase Powell's robes in Boston. L.B.C. 7:22 3960
- Feb. 7 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Is grateful for remittance. Details of accounts. Money was never harder to find than at present. Hopes some robes can be sold. L.B.C. 7:23 3961
- Feb. 7 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
Cannot find any prospect of vessel for Rio Janiero soon. L.B.C. 7:24 3962
- Feb. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re parcel containing sample blankets for Gott & Sons. Details of directions for stowing goods. L.B.C. 7:25 3963
- Feb. 7 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re accounts. Has shipped sample French blankets. Considers French blankets superior to English except that English are clearer white which is important with the Indians. Advises that 3 point blankets be reduced in size. L.B.C. 7:26-27 3964
- Feb. 7 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Is grateful for observations on the fur market. The winter has been very mild. The lack of snow in the Lake country will cause returns to be inferior in quality and small in quantity. Traders have been directed not to purchase rats.

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Describes quality and gives the price of gun from Sargents. Business is exceedingly dull. No improvement can be expected, till Congress regulates currency. L.B.C. 7:28-29 3965

Feb. 7 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Harris reports five Indian treaties passed; those with the Chippewas, Sioux and Winnebagoes are still in committee. lp. 3966

Feb. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. Discussion of proposals for settlement made by assignee of McKee, Stuart & Lind. Consider offer of stock to be preferable. 2p. 3967

Feb. 7 -- Washington -- From Samuel C. Stambaugh  
Expects to go to New York. The sutler business at Fort Snelling was not fortunate, as many troops were withdrawn for the Florida war. Stambaugh will explain the importance of the Sioux and Chippewa treaties before the Committee Feb. 8. lp. 3968

Feb. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Are glad that the Company has found report of account of sales correct. Have accepted certain drafts. Quote from a letter from Lampson that he has sold lot of beaver skins at full prices, that prospects for the spring sales are improving but general business is very dull. 2p. 3969

Feb. 8 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Has received remittance. Advises that damaged robes be appraised. L.B.C. 7:30 3970

Feb. 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Aeneas Mackay  
Order for pistols has not yet been filled. Deringer had large order for the government rifles ahead and he has been at Washington part of the time. 2p. 3971

Feb. 8 -- Hudson, New York -- From Miller & McKinstry  
Details of collecting robes. Details of present banking regulations. Statement of proceeds of Cornwall's note. Annexed is a copy of letter from sheriff of Greene County concerning financial statue of Thos. Cornwall. lp. 3972

Feb. 9 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Detroit  
Annexes copy of letter from Stambaugh. Hopes to see Stambaugh soon. L.B.C. 7:31 3973

Feb. 9 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Encloses seconds of bills of exchange. L.B.C. 7:32 3974

Feb. 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co. -  
Re value of New York funds. Ask for some Treasury notes

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- That may be used to pay customs duties. lp. 3975
- Feb. 10 -- New York -- To Samuel C. Stambaugh, Washington  
Desires to negotiate about suttling at the earliest date possible. Re certain protested draft to be investigated. L.B.C. 7:33 3976
- Feb. 10 -- New York -- To Miller & McKinstry, Hudson  
Details of Cornwall's note. L.B.C. 7:34 3977
- Feb. 10 -- New York -- To Wilson P. Hunt, St. Louis  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 7:35 3978
- Feb. 10 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.  
Sales of robes very light; money is extremely tight. Draft is enclosed. lp. 3979
- Feb. 12 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 7:36 3980
- Feb. 12 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Details of accounts. Regrets that trade in robes has been so poor. Money is uncommonly scarce. L.B.C. 7:37 3981
- Feb. 12 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Information about the treaties for purchases east of the Mississippi is discouraging. lp. 3982
- Feb. 12 -- Hudson, New York -- From Miller & McKinstry  
Remarks about legal papers and collection of funds due the Company. lp. 3983
- Feb. 12 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of accounts. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous Papers.) 2p. 3984
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Miller & McKinstry, Hudson  
Discusses case of collecting funds due from Cornwall. L.B.C. 7:38 3985
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie, Washington  
Annexes statement of account to close of 1837. L.B.C. 7:39 3986
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Major Mackay, Philadelphia  
Details of directions about pistols. L.B.C. 7:40 3987
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Chouteau will take copy of account current to the close of 1837. Annexes list of everything unsold. Details of notes collected. L.B.C. 7:41-43 3988

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- Feb. 13 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Requests prices on certain skins. 1p. 3989
- Feb. 13 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of drafts and checks. 1p. 3990
- Feb. 14 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of error in account. Annexes list of notes not  
yet collected. Chouteau has gone to Washington. L.B.C. 7:44  
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- Feb. 14 -- New York -- To Mrs. Berthold  
Annexes statement of account. L.B.C. 7:45 3992
- Feb. 14 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has received remittance. Encloses letter for Pierre  
Chouteau, Jr. L.B.C. 7:46 3993
- Feb. 14 -- New York -- To Miller & McKinstry, Hudson  
Has received remittance. L.B.C. 7:47 3994
- Feb. 14 -- Washington -- From G. W. Jones  
Sen. Hubbard, Chairman of Committee on Claims in the  
Senate, informed Jones that bill for the relief of Crooks's  
brother is likely to pass soon. Ratification of the treaties  
with the Winnebagoes, Sioux and Chippewas is very doubtful.  
1p. 3995
- Feb. 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Discusses insurance arrangements. The prospects for the  
spring sales are exceedingly good. 2p. 3996
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.  
Cannot supply any deer skins at present. L.B.C. 7:48 3997
- Feb. 15 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Re treaties in the Senate. Jones thinks bill for the re-  
lief of Crooks's brother will pass soon. 1p. 3998
- Feb. 15 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Encloses marked catalog of deer skin sale. Assortment  
was too small to attract general notice and orders from the  
continent. Large sales go off better. Stock in the hands of  
exporters on the continent is still considerable. 1p. 3999
- Feb. 15 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re letter received from the Company. Lampson has a sale  
Feb. 15. 1p. 4000
- Feb. 16 -- New York -- To Jacot, Smith, Bryce & Jones  
Wishes to know whether guns are at the Company's risk.  
L.B.C. 7:49 4001

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- Feb. 16 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have received report of Lampson's sale of furs Feb. 15,  
amounting to £819.. 15 . 6. lp. 4002
- Feb. 17 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bills of lading for merchandise to be forwarded  
to St. Louis. Re directions about care in shipping Chouteau's  
carriage. L.B.O. 7:50 4003
- Feb. 17 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Cannot dispose of guns and rifles at present. L.B.O. 7:51  
4004
- Feb. 17 -- New York -- To Hon. George W. Jones, Washington  
Opposition in the Senate to Indian treaties ceding lands  
east of the Mississippi is surprising. Details of the policy  
of the government in extinguishing Indian titles. Wisconsin  
settlement is likely to expand rapidly. Re need for removal of  
the Winnebagoes. Chippewa and Sioux country is needed for pine  
lumber. L.B.O. 7:52-53 4005
- Feb. 17 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
The Sac treaty and those previously referred to the Senate  
were ratified Feb. 16. lp. 4006
- Feb. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re messenger's report on A. P. Chouteau's financial condi-  
tion. Have received some deer skins from Chouteau. Request  
information as to the best market to sell them. lp. 4007
- Feb. 18 -- Washington, D.C. -- From Kenneth Mackenzie  
Received letter with account with the Company. Expects to  
leave in a few days for the West. lp. 4008
- Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Encloses note for collection. Requests proceeds be remit-  
ted in New York funds. L.B.O. 7:54 4009
- Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Arkansas deer skins will sell as well in New York as in  
London. Directions for shipping deer skins. L.B.O. 7:55 4010
- Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Franchere advises employing Canadian  
sailors on schooners on Lake Superior. Gives qualifications  
and the terms of contract. L.B.O. 7:56 4011
- Feb. 20 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Re insurance arrangements on Chouteau's personal property  
shipped to New Orleans. L.B.O. 7:57 4012

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- Feb. 20 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Washington  
Annexes invoice of goods forwarded to St. Louis. Has  
given directions to agents at New Orleans regarding the ship-  
ment of Chouteau's coach. L.B.C. 7:58 4013
- Feb. 20 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Enclose draft for \$2000. Have sold 3 bales of robes out  
of the Company's lot. lp. 4014
- Feb. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Will endeavor to convert merchandise taken in settlement  
with McKee, Stuart & Lind into cash at the least possible loss.  
Re accounts. lp. 4015
- Feb. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Chapron & Hidelet  
Enclose draft to be accepted. lp. 4016
- Feb. 21 -- New York -- To Lloyd N. Rogers, Baltimore  
Rogers should come to some arrangement with Chouteau in  
Washington about payment of note. L.B.C. 7:59 4017
- Feb. 21 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Remits proceeds for note collected. L.B.C. 7:60 4018
- Feb. 21 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses invoices for goods. Re accounts. Tells of in-  
surance arrangements for Chouteau's personal goods. Details of  
collection of certain account by Vallee, Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 7:  
61-62 4019
- Feb. 21 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Annexes account of sales of beaver. Expects to have ware-  
house cleared soon. The prospects are good, except for red fox,  
for such furs as the Company generally consigns to London. 2p. 4020
- Feb. 21 -- Hudson, New York -- Miller & McKinstry to H. Hill  
Ask if Catskill Bank will discount Cornwall note endorsed  
by Justus McKinstry. Hill replies on the same page that bank  
is unable to discount above note. lp. 4021
- Feb. 22 -- Washington -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Regrets that Crooks is not coming to Washington. Crooks's  
influence is needed for the ratification of the treaty. Jones  
will be disappointed at Crooks's absence. Cannot obtain money  
at present; will take certificate from Harris. Re bonds pur-  
chased. There is little hope of the sub-treasury bill passing.  
The General thinks Crooks should come to Washington. 3p. 4022  
(French)
- Feb. 22 -- New York -- To Chapron & Hidelet  
Encloses accepted draft. L.B.C. 7:63 4023

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- Feb. 22 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knowler, Albany  
Has received remittance. Re accounts. L.B.C. 7:64 4024
- Feb. 22 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of plans for shipping deer skins. Re enclosed  
notes. lp. 4025
- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Requests assistance in shipping deer skins consigned to  
Siter, Price & Co. L.B.C. 7:65 4026
- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. Has requested Merle & Co. to give  
assistance in forwarding deer skins. L.B.C. 7:66 4027
- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson & Son, Baltimore.  
Encloses note for collection. Desires remittance in New  
York funds. Can supply muskrats. L.B.C. 7:67 4028
- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses George Wildes's deeds for real estate in Michi-  
gan; requests that they be recorded. L.B.C. 7:68 4029
- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Hon. Daniel Webster, Washington  
Wishes to know the method by which Webster will make re-  
mittance on note. Re the scarcity of funds. L.B.C. 7:69 4030
- Feb. 23 -- Hudson, New York -- From Miller & McKinstry  
Catskill Bank will not discount and pay out anything but  
Eastern money and it is 5 per cent discount at Hudson. Ask in-  
structions about this matter. lp. 4031
- Feb. 23 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Sons  
Re note collected. Premium was very high. Will advise  
Lloyd N. Rogers to write to Crooks. Times are very dull. lp.  
4032
- Feb. 23 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Confirm sales account rendered by Lampson. lp. 4033
- Feb. 24 -- Walpole, New Hampshire -- From Josiah Bellows  
Has forwarded 64 dozen socks. The price is higher. lp.  
4034
- Feb. 24 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Annexes copy of account. L.B.C. 7:70 4035
- Feb. 24 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Crooks must go to Washington; will write fully on the  
Company's affairs later. Encloses copy of agreement with Capt.  
Charles C. Stanard. L.B.C. 7:71 4036

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Feb. 24 -- Washington -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.

Bradley thinks check on New York can be procured for certificate obtained from Harris. If this is impossible, will leave certificate with Gratiot. Advises Crooks to write to Webster; Chouteau does not know Webster personally. Hopes to finish business with Bradley tomorrow. lp. (French) 4037

Feb. 24 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Are very grateful for advice about deer skins. Enclose notes for collection. lp. 4038

Feb. 24 -- Washington -- From Daniel Webster

Expects to remit \$3000 at present. Cannot say what can be done about the next payment. lp. 4039

Feb. 25 -- New York -- From William Kemble

Mr. DuPont states that powder is ready and will be forwarded in February, if wagons can be got in time. lp. 4040

Feb. 25 -- St. Louis -- Pratte, Chouteau & Co. to Pierre Chouteau

The worst fears are realized about the ravages of small-pox among the Indians. The prospects of returns are very poor. Navigation is still closed. 3p. 4041

Feb. 26 -- West Chester -- From A. Bolmar

Re bill for Sylvester Chouteau's expenses. Has not heard from A. P. Chouteau in three years. Wishes to know where he is. lp. 4042

Feb. 26 -- Detroit -- From Henry H. Sibley

The Company can only hope to get rid of Col. Stambaugh peaceably; he is hostile to the Company and cannot be trusted. Is leaving for St. Peter's Feb. 25. Is glad that Crooks will visit St. Peter's in 1839. Invasion of "Patriots" into Canada was repulsed by the British troops. lp. 4043

Feb. 26 -- Washington -- From Daniel Webster

Encloses check for \$3000 to be credited on note. lp. 4044

Feb. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Re drafts received. L.B.C. 7:72 4045

Feb. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Crooks, Washington

Re funds received from Pearsons. Encloses letter from Canada. Re payment made by Cammann & Whitehouse. L.B.C. 7:73 4046

Feb. 27 -- Baltimore -- To John B. Whetten

Reached Washington 2 days ago. Received acceptance from



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Chouteau of the government for the sum from the Sac and Fox treaty; to be paid when the appropriation is made. Details of money transactions in Washington. Is going to Pittsburgh with Chouteau the 29th. Reasons for going to Baltimore. Will go to Philadelphia to get information about the sureties Col. Stambaugh offers for payment of inventory of Fort Snelling suttlers. Crooks intends to sell him. Will be in New York at all events on Saturday. Is ignorant of the Company's present funds, except 2 checks sent by Webster. Details of sums owed individuals and the method of payment. Memorandum of remittances sent with letter. 4p. 4047

Feb. 27 -- Boston -- From B. Homes

Encloses check to be credited on account. Money is very scarce. Nothing will sell for cash. 1p. 4048

Feb. 27 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Has received invoice for musquash; fears they cannot be sold even at miserably low prices. Buyers are beginning to arrive for the March sales. Prices for raccoons must be high; hopes the Company has secured collections in the interior. Hotte appears disposed to continue his operations and will do much to injure the markets without benefitting himself. Red fox is still very low. 2p. 4049

Feb. 28 -- Baltimore -- To John B. Whetten

Not being able to negotiate for New York funds, he went to Washington and returned the same day. The Post Office will transmit amount of Dousman's claims. Notes contents of letter; will see and thank Pearson. Hopes he got through Monday's payments without trouble. Is glad Ward's non-acceptance prevented exposure of the Company's financial state. Details of funds secured. Is leaving the next day for Philadelphia but will probably be too late to go immediately to New York. Will try to obtain money there in case sufficient cannot be procured in New York. 2p. 4050

Feb. 28 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Is glad that the Company has arranged to have goods shipped on packet of Mar. 24. Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. will store any goods arriving earlier. 1p. 4051

Mar. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Encloses letter to Crooks. Requests collection of Webster's check on U.S. Bank. L.B.C. 7:74 4052

Mar. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Crooks, Philadelphia

Has received funds remitted by Crooks. Details of finances of the Company. L.B.C. 7:75-76 4053

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- Mar. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Daniel Webster, Washington  
Details of remittance received from Webster. L.B.C. 7:77  
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- Mar. 1 -- St. Peter's -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Encloses draft collectible. lp. 4055
- Mar. 1 -- Buffalo -- From Holt, Palmer & Co.  
Statement of shipping charges from Buffalo to the upper lakes. Discussion of rates. Annex announcement of new firm, Hunter, Palmer & Co. 3p. 4056
- Mar. 1 -- Upper Wisconsin -- From Jean Baptiste DuBay  
Trade is very poor due to so many mills being erected. Indians hover around mills and do not hunt. Re order for hair mattress. lp. 4057
- Mar. 1. -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses Augustin Hamelin's power of attorney for claims allowed under the Ottawa and Chippewa treaty. [Letter of Mar. 7 is on the same sheet.] lp. 4058
- Mar. 1 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Encloses \$3000 in Treasury notes. lp. 4059
- Mar. 1 -- Baltimore -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Re interview with Lloyd N. Rogers regarding debt to the Company. Remits bills. Wishes directions about Life & Trust Bonds. lp. (French) 4060
- Mar. 1 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Have paid funds as directed. Will hire workmen later. lp 4061
- Mar. 2 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Sends notes to \$1500. Table of amounts owing. lp. 4062
- Mar. 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of notes and checks. lp. 4063
- Mar. 3 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Has received Treasury notes. L.B.C. 7:78 4064
- Mar. 3 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
Is gratified for remittance from Homes. L.B.C. 7:79 4065
- Mar. 3 -- Baltimore -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Will leave Mar. 4. Will remain in Pittsburgh some time. lp. (French) 4066

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- Mar. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details plans to sell goods taken in settlement with  
McKee, Stuart & Lind. lp. 4067
- Mar. 4 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bills of lading for goods to be forwarded to St.  
Louis. L.B.C. 7:119 4068
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Details of deficit in Treasury notes remitted. L.B.C. 7:  
80 4069
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Miller & McKinstry, Hudson  
Directions about Cornwall's note. L.B.C. 7:81 4070
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To A. Bolmar, West Chester, Pa.  
Encloses draft for payment of Sylvester Chouteau's school  
expenses. A. P. Chouteau is somewhere in the Arkansas country.  
L.B.C. 7:82 4071
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Bellows & Peck, Walpole  
Has received shaks. Regrets that the price is so high.  
L.B.C. 7:83 4072
- Mar. 5 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Figures for fish put up at the various posts in the season;  
hindrance to fishing operations from shortage of salt. 2p. 4073
- Mar. 5 -- Washington -- From C. K. Gardner (Auditor P.O. De-  
partment)  
Encloses draft. Must be presented for payment within 90  
days. lp. 4074
- Mar. 5 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. lp. 4075
- Mar. 5 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Delay in sending treasury notes due to delay of appropri-  
ations. Encloses notes to \$2000. lp. 4076
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. Re payment for Bolmar. L.B.C. 7:84  
4077
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- To George W. Jones, Washington  
Will forward letter to Warren. Warren's plan for a post  
route from Lapointe is premature. Discusses probable expense  
of maintaining proposed routes. Details of distances. Re lo-  
cation of Lapointe. L.B.C. 7:85-86 4078

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- Mar. 6 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Requests remittance on account. Requests opinion as to  
the outlook for the sale of muskrats. L.B.C. 7:87 4079
- Mar. 6 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Sons  
Enclose check for amount of certain note. Exchange is  
2 1/2 per cent. lp. 4080
- Mar. 7 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbett  
Perceives full amount due the Indians is not in the year's  
appropriation. Crooks must see about matters as it affects the  
Company's interests. Government may be trying to force the  
Indians to accept goods refused. lp. Enclosed in no. 4053. 4081
- Mar. 7 -- West Chester -- From A. Bolmar  
Acknowledges receipt of draft. Sylvester Ghouateau has  
been taking dancing and fencing lessons. lp. 4082
- Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Charles J. Hourse, Washington  
Re Treasury notes received. L.B.C. 7:88 4083
- Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has not received account current for 1837. L.B.C. 7:89 4084
- Mar. 7 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Hourse  
Encloses notes. lp. 4085
- Mar. 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of drafts. lp. 4086
- Mar. 7 -- Lapointe -- Lyman M. Warren to William Brewster  
Reply to criticism for loss of fish. Enclosed in no.  
4366. lp. 4087
- Mar. 7 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Business was well conducted during Warren's absence at  
Prairie. Has no news from Lac du Flambeau and Fond du Lac, but  
poor hunts are reported due to scarcity of provisions. Discus-  
ses loss of fish due to carelessness in handling them. Details  
of the favorable prospects for fishing trade during the coming  
season. Discusses petitioners have the half-breeds paid at La-  
pointe. 4p. 4088
- Mar. 8 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Gives business standing of Merian & Benard commission  
firm. Re accounts. L.B.C. 7:90 4089
- Mar. 8 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 7:91 4090

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- Mar. 8 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Is grateful for remittance on account. L.B.C. 7:92 4091
- Mar. 8 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London  
Is pleased that Lampson can make some sales of beaver and bear. Discusses sale of deer skins in New York and kinds that will be shipped to London. Will keep Lampson supplied with all kinds of peltries. Will concentrate all skins possible in Lampson's hands. Does not know what to do with muskrats. Guns from Lacy & Co. have not arrived. Troubles in Canada may produce a separation from England which would lead to expulsion of Hudson's Bay Co. Re deer skins purchased at public sale to be shipped to Lampson. L.B.C. 7:93-96 4092
- Mar. 8 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
The Company's trade in woolens and dry goods is much less than in former years. Trade will not revive until currency is adjusted. L.B.C. 7:97 4093
- Mar. 8 -- New York -- To Swift & McGinnis, Chillicothe  
Cannot fill order for otters and beaver. L.B.C. 7:99 4094
- Mar. 8 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Requests copies of treaties. Directions about bear skins for Gratiot, robe for McLane, and sample white blanket for Poinsett. L.B.C. 7:100 4095
- Mar. 8 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Statement of amounts forwarded. lp. 4096
- Mar. 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
Re certain draft unpaid. Powell is ready to start west. Re proposals for payment of draft. lp. 4097
- Mar. 8 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Samples were forwarded to Gotts. Instructions that the Company's goods be stowed between decks will be adhered to. 4098
- Mar. 9 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Do not consider a public sale feasible. Will send remittance as soon as possible. lp. 4099
- Mar. 9 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Re remittance received. Directions about claims under the Chippewa treaty. L.B.C. 7:98 4100
- Mar. 9 -- St. Mary's Seminary, Somerset, Ohio -- From Marie M. Lawe  
Received box of articles sent by Crooks on Christmas Eve. Everything in the box was satisfactory. lp. 4101

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- Mar. 10 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Order of spectacles, thread and powder; change in first order. 1p. 4102
- Mar. 10 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Account of sales of beaver is correct. Re accounts. Will examine northwest guns from Lacy & Co. soon. Details of deer skins bought by Hotte. L.B.C. 7:101 4103
- Mar. 10 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re error in invoice. Will make further remittance soon. L.B.C. 7:102 4104
- Mar. 10 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Requests that letters to the Company be sent direct. Details of accounts. Is examining account current. L.B.C. 7:103 4105
- Mar. 10 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Has received Treasury notes. Account is correct. L.B.C. 7:104 4106
- Mar. 10 -- New York -- To Peter Powell, Philadelphia  
Has no instructions to pay Warren's draft. L.B.C. 7:105 4107
- Mar. 10 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Drafts have been honored. Encloses abstract of account. Regrets disastrous ravages of small pox in the upper Missouri region. Re the sale of beaver by Lampson. Will forward English goods soon. L.B.C. 7:106-107 4108
- Mar. 10 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montréal  
Discussion of certain funds to be paid to former employee of the Company. Details of boatmen that may be wanted in the spring. Re directions about certain payments to be made in Red River region thru Hudson's Bay Co. L.B.C. 7:109-110 4109
- Mar. 11 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Purchase of two boats for the fur transportation. Order for goods. Conduct of Bailly. Advisability of sending rats directly to England. Possibility of having to take legal means to recover debts of the Company. 2p. 4110
- Mar. 11 -- Anna Dale, Pa. -- From Samuel C. Stambaugh  
Has arranged to purchase goods for Fort Snelling and close business with Sibley. Diller will join Stambaugh in business. Diller will furnish security for goods. 1p. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous). 4111
- Mar. 12 -- New York -- To Jacob Rogers & Sons, Baltimore  
The Company will not have a public sale of furs. L.B.C. 7:111 4112

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- Mar. 12 -- New York -- To Major Mackay, Philadelphia  
Has received pistols for Sibley. Encloses draft in payment. L.B.C. 7:112 4113
- Mar. 12 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
The Company has decided not to attempt a public sale. Encloses note to be collected. Requests proceeds in New York funds. L.B.C. 7:113 4114
- Mar. 12 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of enclosed drafts. L.B.C. 7:114 4115
- Mar. 12 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Details of certain note which was protested. Ratification of the Winnebago treaty is somewhat doubtful. L.B.C. 7:115 4116
- Mar. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. lp. 4117
- Mar. 13 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Will give attention to note forwarded by the Company. lp. 4118
- Mar. 13 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re accounts. Wish to reciprocate favors received from the Company. lp. 4119
- Mar. 14 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.  
Re payment for robes. lp. 4120
- Mar. 14 -- Frederick, Md. -- From Fritchie & Hanshew  
Discussion of proposed order of deer skins. Ask prices, terms, etc. lp. 4121
- Mar. 14 -- Ipswich -- From Jane J. Holiday  
Her father has directed that she send Crooks the amount of her expenses for the past year and the sum needed for her journey to New York. 2p. 4122
- Mar. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Wilson P. Hunt  
Re funds to be collected and placed to the credit of P. Chouteau, Jr. & Co. Has heard that Olapp is coming to St. Louis to live. lp. 4123
- Mar. 14 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Goods for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. have been forwarded to St. Louis. Have noted instructions about insurance. 3p. 4124
- Mar. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have been compelled to draw for large sum. Cannot make any other arrangement due to Chouteau's absence. lp. 4125

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Mar. 15 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Sent deed for George Wildes to registrars in counties where lands are located. Annual accounts are correct; details of misunderstanding about private account. Asks what part of suspended payment will be paid; also dividend. Currency situation is bad. Sends draft to pay for Ohio funds. Deer skins are short of last year. Hunt says he can get good share of furs. 3p. 4126

Mar. 15 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Encloses account of sales and catalog of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Discussion of furs and prices at Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. 2p. 4127

Mar. 15 -- New York -- To Samuel C. Stambaugh, Lancaster

Discussion of terms of settling the suttlng agreement with Stambaugh. Crooks will meet Stambaugh in Philadelphia to complete arrangements. L.B.C. 7:116-117 4128

Mar. 15 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Have had no information from Gotts Or Outler about the Company's orders. Freight is very scarce. 1p. 4129

Mar. 16 -- New York -- To Fritchie & Hanshew, Frederick

Discusses terms on which the Company will sell goods. L.B.C. 7:118 4130

Mar. 16 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Bear skins sold at enormously high prices. These prices are in consequence of demand by the French. Expects raccoons to sell high. 1p. 4131

Mar. 16 -- New York -- Leech & Co. (Western Transportation Line) to the Company

Circular -- Advantages possessed by the firm for transporting goods from New York to Pittsburgh. 1p. 4132

Mar. 17 -- Anna Dale, Pa. -- From Samuel C. Stambaugh

Re Sibley's desire to dissolve concern in the suttlng business as the Company lost money at it. Thinks there is mismanagement. States terms offered to the Company to terminate the agreement. Will endeavor to collect debts from the garrison on certain terms. Will go to New York soon. 3p. (In Western Outfit Miscellaneous) 4133

Mar. 17 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Quote extract from Lampson's letter of Mar. 16. Wishes Crooks to be informed that black bear skins at Hudson's Bay House have brought enormously high prices; an advance on last year's prices of 100 per cent. Brown bear also sold high and Lampson expects raccoons will sell high. 1p. 4134



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- Mar. 18 -- St. Mary's Seminary, Perry Co., Missouri -- From John Timon  
Re letter of credit sent to the Company on Etienne. Rozier is to inquire whether sale has been made of draft. Annexes circular of St. Mary's College. 2p. 4135
- Mar. 19 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Annexes results of to-day's sale. Details of prices for different varieties of raccoon. All red fox are sold at slightly higher prices. 3p. 4136
- Mar. 19 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Enclose copy of account. Trade in robes with Canada has been entirely cut off due to disturbances on the frontier. Most of the Company's robes are unsold. 1p. 4137
- Mar. 19 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Enclose invoice for good shipped. Are grateful for the prompt payments by the Company. Discuss size and weight of the blankets. 2p. 4138
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 7:120 4139
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re letters received. L.B.C. 7:121 4140
- Mar. 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Adam Diller  
Re delay in the delivery of Stambaugh's letter. Wishes explicit statement about proposed arrangements between the Company and Stambaugh. 2p. 4141
- Mar. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. The prospects of returns from the Indian country are far from flattering. 1p. 4142
- Mar. 20 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose check to be credited on account. 1p. 4143
- Mar. 20 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has purchased coffee for Cabanne as requested by Chouteau. Details of account. English goods arrived in bad condition. Has no report on blankets ordered from France. Annexes Astor's account with Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 7:122-123 4144
- Mar. 20 -- New York -- To Adam Diller, Philadelphia  
The question of dissolving the existing connection with Stambaugh is still undecided. L.B.C. 7:124 4145
- Mar. 20 -- New York -- To Smith & Burnett, Geddes, New York  
Re quantity of salt the Company will need. Barrels must be substantial. Requests terms at which order can be filled. L.B.C. 7:125 4146

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Mar. 20 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Lampson's account of sales is correct. Has shipped deer  
skins to London. L.B.C. 7:126 4147

Mar. 20 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re accounts and papers received. The Company considers  
that deer skin sale was exceedingly well managed. The pros-  
pects for the sale of muskrats is more discouraging than ever.  
Expects returns in 1838 to be light. Will have fewer fine  
furs. Re insurance arrangements. Will ship deer skins.  
L.B.C. 7:127-129 4148

Mar. 20 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Cutler  
Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Re accounts. lp. 4149

Mar. 21 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Discusses Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale and Lampson's. Does not  
expect a good autumn sale as quantity of goods now brought into  
the market will have supplied the trade. Oppenheim will be in  
New York soon again. Hopes the Company has made some arrange-  
ment to keep Hotte and Oppenheim from obtaining many furs. 2p. 4150

Mar. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discuss plans of Adam Diller and Col. Stambaugh about the  
trade at St. Peter's. Expect fuller information when Stambaugh  
arrives. Consider Diller reliable and sufficiently able to  
purchase full stock of goods. lp. 4151

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To Benjamin Marsh, Present  
Wishes to know about payment of certain protested draft.  
L.B.C. 7:130 4152

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To James Lynch, Syracuse  
Requests advice about having order for salt filled satis-  
factorily. L.B.C. 7:131 4153

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Is gratified that "patriotic uproar" has subsided. De-  
tails of accounts. Is pleased that the prospects are better  
for returns in fish. Re plans to obtain salt. Expects prices  
of provisions to fall. Transportation line will indemnify  
Sherman Hall for detention of his goods. Regrets that Capt.  
Thompson cannot be secured for the new schooner. Re purchase  
of certain deer skins to prevent them from going to the conti-  
nent. Hotte continues to buy. Details of Lampson's report of  
Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Re condition of New York fur market  
and the probable prices in London. L.B.C. 7:132-135 4154

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal  
Details of drafts and notes. Annexes copy of account.  
L.B.C. 7:136 4155

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Mar. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Have been advised that Cameron said he had refused to be security for Diller and Stambaugh. The Company might be able to collect in 12 months, if they sell the property at St. Peter's to Diller and Stambaugh. lp. 4156

Mar. 22 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Details of report received of the sale of beaver. Is pleased with the result of Lampson's sale. L.B.C. 7:137 4157

Mar. 22 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Details of report of beaver sold. Hopes spring sale has been satisfactory. Is gratified with the general result of the sales in 1837-1838. L.B.C. 7:138 4158

Mar. 22 -- New York -- To Siter, price & Co., Philadelphia

A conference with Diller seems necessary. Stambaugh and Diller are expected in Philadelphia. L.B.C. 7:139 4159

Mar. 22 -- New York -- To Samuel C. Stambaugh, Philadelphia

Discusses suttlng business at Fort Snelling. Is pleased that Stambaugh prefers it to be under his own exclusive control. The Company desires equitable settlement. States terms proposed. L.B.C. 7:140-141 4160

Mar. 22 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Discuss drafts and accounts. lp. 4161

Mar. 23 -- Birmingham -- From Joseph Archer

Re accounts. Order for notions, calico, and groceries. lp. 4162

Mar. 23 -- New York -- To Thomas Goodsell, Utica

Requests information about special kind of wheat wanted by person in Missouri. L.B.C. 7:142 4163

Mar. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 7:143 4164

Mar. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Stambaugh has not yet arrived. Diller may return to Lancaster to consult him and then go to New York. Re enclosed checks. lp. 4165

Mar. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Diller expects to go to Lancaster, Mar. 24. Instructions about enclosed draft. lp. 4166

Mar. 23 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Enclose bill of lading. Goods have been carefully stowed between decks. lp. 4167

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Mar. 24 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London

Result of public sales by Halsey and Wendell will show the condition of trade. It is doubtful how long the present condition will continue. No improvement is possible, until Van Buren and his party abandon their visionary schemes in relation to currency. Expects shipment of skins from St. Louis. Expects Hotte to ship deer skins direct to the continent. Small pox has killed a great many of the Missouri Indians. L.B.C. 7:144-145 4168

Mar. 24 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Encloses account of sales of beaver sold in London. Re accounts. Details of London prices. Discussion of settlement with underwriters and Custom House for damaged English goods. L.B.C. 7:146-147 4169

Mar. 24 — New York — To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Details of checks and drafts. L.B.C. 7:148 4170

Mar. 24 — New York — To Lockwood & Co., Troy

Re accounts. Encloses check to be collected. L.B.C. 7:149 4171

Mar. 24 — New York — To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Points out differences in invoices. Encloses bill of lading for goods for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 7:150 4172

Mar. 24 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.

Details of enclosed funds. lp. 4173

Mar. 24 — New Orleans — From Martin, Pheasants & Co.

Annexes bill of lading for peltries. lp. 4174

Mar. 24 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Parcel containing letter from London for this packet has not arrived. Lampson reported that the last sale exceeded his expectations. lp. 4175

Mar. 25 — Utica — From Thomas Goodsell

Description of Siberian spring wheat. Will reserve one barrel for Crooks. Price is \$4 per bushel. lp. 4176

Mar. 26 — New York — To Thomas Goodsell, Utica

Re order for barrel of wheat and directions for transportation. L.B.C. 7:151 4178

Mar. 26 — New York — To Stocking & Hunt, Utica

Re order to pay Goodsell for barrel of wheat. L.B.C. 7:152 4179

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- Mar. 26 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.O. 7:153 4180
- Mar. 26 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Requests payment of Bailly's claim as awarded by the com-  
missioner. L.B.O. 7:154 4181
- Mar. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re differences in accounts. Are greatly inconvenienced by  
delay in English and French order. Returns of deer skins will  
be far short of last season. Re deer skins forwarded. lp. 4182
- Mar. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of drafts and note. lp. 4183
- Mar. 27 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Encloses 2 deeds with details of the charges paid. Wild  
cat banks continue to fail; will cause much distress in state.  
lp. 4184
- Mar. 27 -- Chicago -- From J. B. Beaubien  
Wishes to know the prices of prize muskrats. Can purchase  
large quantity of muskrats in exchange for goods. lp. 4185
- Mar. 27 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal  
Details of drafts. L.B.O. 7:155 4186
- Mar. 27 -- Ipswich -- From Jane J. Holiday  
Wishes directions for her trip to New York. lp. 4187
- Mar. 27 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Fears parcels of letters and catalogs regarding the sales  
have been lost on the way to Liverpool. Recapitulates results  
of the fur sales and the future prospects for all kinds of  
skins. 3p. 4188
- Mar. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From W. M. Shewell  
Is unable to pay note in full due to paralyzed condition  
of exchange throughout the country. lp. 4189
- Mar. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re Shewell's request for renewal of his note. Details of  
checks. Exchange between New York and Philadelphia is the same  
as between Philadelphia and St. Louis. lp. 4190
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Thomas Palmer, Glostershire, England  
Encloses bill of exchange as directed by Hamilton. L.B.O.  
7:156 4191
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- To W. M. Shewell, Philadelphia  
Discusses the importance of Shewell paying his note.  
L.B.O. 7:157 4192

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- Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Discusses arrangement to be made with Shewell for payment  
of his note. L.B.C. 7:158 4193
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Annexes copy of account. L.B.C. 7:159 4194
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has forwarded funds to Thos. Palmer. Directions for marking  
packs for shipment. Canal toll rates are different on furs  
and on skins. Requests greater accuracy and care in packing  
furs, skins and robes. L.B.C. 7:160-161 4195
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Account is correct. Details of goods lost in transit.  
L.B.C. 7:162 4196
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Details of accounts. Regrets limited sales of robes. Has  
had an interview with Hunter. L.B.C. 7:163-164 4197
- Mar. 28 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Encloses letter to Harris, Mar. 28 concerning Joseph  
Rolette's power of attorney to Crooks. Money will be forwarded  
at an early date. Blankets, buffalo robes, etc. have been re-  
ceived. Blankets have been sent to Mr. Poinsett who is pleased  
with their quality. It is reported that the Winnebago and Sioux  
treaties will be ratified. 2p. Enclosed no. 4199. 4198
- Mar. 28 -- Washington -- Charles H. Gratiot to C. A. Harris,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Encloses power of Joseph Rolette constituting Crooks his  
attorney to receive claims due from the United States. 1p.  
Enclosed is no. 4198. 4199
- Mar. 29 -- New York -- To Wilson P. Hunt, St. Louis  
Hersey's note has not been paid. Fears Hersey's affairs  
are in a bad way. L.B.C. 7:165 4200
- Mar. 29 -- New York -- To Jane Holiday, Ipswich, Mass.  
Funds have not been received from Jamison. Crooks will  
arrange for Jane's journey to St. Mary's. L.B.C. 7:166 4201
- Mar. 29 -- Salina -- From James Lynch  
Lynch does not manufactore coarse salt. Re prices quoted  
by Smith and by Burnet on coarse salt. Salt must be ordered  
at once, in order to have it in Buffalo by May 15. Advises  
Crooks to deal with Burnet direct. 2p. 4202
- Mar. 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Will settle Alexis Bailly matter upon return to Washington  
and make remittance. 1p. 4203

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- Mar. 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of arrangements with Shewell about his note. 1p.  
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- Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Is gratified at the result of settlement with Shewell.  
Encloses proceeds for draft collected. Enclosed draft to be  
collected. L.B.O. 7:167 4205
- Mar. 30 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Re opinions about Rows' sale. Hopes New York fur buyers  
will act in concert in order to compete successfully with  
Hotte and Oppenheim. Re prospects for the next sale. 2p. 4206
- Mar. 31 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Re funds to be collected from Mason. 1p. 4207
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Barker & Holt, Buffalo  
Re drafts paid. Requests attention to copies of letters  
enclosed. L.B.O. 7:168 4208
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Skins have arrived. Transportation line will settle fairly  
for Hall's goods. L.B.O. 7:169 4209
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Capt. Jamison, Chicago  
Urges remittance to pay Jane Holiday's school expenses.  
Payments are due Miss Grant. L.B.O. 7:170 4210
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Is gratified that peace is permanently established between  
Michigan and Upper Canada. Details of notes and accounts. The  
Company will not declare any dividend until times improve.  
Discusses form of currency to be used in operations in Ohio.  
L.B.O. 7:171-172 4211
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Irwin & Whiteman, Cincinnati  
Requests that Brewster's draft be given currency in Ohio.  
L.B.O. 7:173 4212
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Discusses goods received in damaged condition. Quality of  
blankets is not satisfactory. L.B.O. 7:174 4213
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of accounts. Requests that Lampson pay Lacy for  
guns. L.B.O. 7:175 4214
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Lacy & Reynolds, London  
Has requested that Lampson make payment for sample gun.  
Guns arrived in very bad condition. Considers price too high.  
L.B.O. 7:176 4215

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- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Lacy's guns are too high in price. Requests payment be made Lacy for sample gun. Considers sending order for guns to Sargent's whose sample is superior to both Jacot's and Lacy's. Times show no sign of improvement. Is pleased that buyers from the continent are arriving in London. Returns from the interior will be less than usual. Requests copies of maps or charts of the Great Lakes. L.B.C. 7:177-179 4216
- Mar. 31 -- Frederick -- From Ebert & Sons  
Details of order for deer skins. lp. 4217
- Mar. 31 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. lp. (French) 4218
- Mar. 31 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of check. Will remit on drafts as soon as collected. lp. 4219
- Mar. 31 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
London parcel of letters has not yet been heard of. lp. 4220
- Apr. 1 -- Hudson's Bay Office, Lachine -- From James Keith  
Details of method of forwarding letters and packages to the interior. lp. 4221
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
Details of reduction in order for powder. L.B.C. 7:180 4222
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Details of accounts. The Company is in need of funds to meet engagements. L.B.C. 7:181 4223
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- To Ebert & Sons, Frederick  
Does not expect to receive any deer skins before May. L.B.C. 7:182 4224
- Apr. 2 -- Hudson's Bay Office, Lachine -- From James Keith  
Requests information about the heirs of Pierre Bungo [Bonga] to whom funds may be paid. In 1831 such funds had been paid to Gabriel Franchere. lp. 4225
- Apr. 2 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Shipped 130 packs of robes to the Company. States the cost of transporting them. lp. 4226
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- From T. P. Richards  
Circular -- Announces his entrance into the brokerage business. lp. 4227



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- Apr. 2 -- West Chester -- From Elwood Walter  
Discussion of "Joe" learning bookkeeping. 2p. 4228
- Apr. 2 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re deer skins forwarded via New Orleans. Steamer "Antelope" will soon depart for Yellowstone river. 1p. 4229
- Apr. 3 -- Buffalo -- From Barker & Holt  
Details of certain goods not accounted for; have receipt from Juneau for these. 1p. 4230
- Apr. 3 -- New York -- To Moses Burnett, Syracuse  
Wants salt. Wishes to know the terms at which Burnett will fill order. L.B.C. 7:183 4231
- Apr. 3 -- New York -- To James Lynch, Salina  
Is grateful for advice about obtaining salt. Prefers that salt be delivered at Buffalo. L.B.C. 7:184 4232
- Apr. 3 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.  
Re draft in payment of robes. 1p. 4233
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Elwood Walter, West Chester  
Will advise later of the time when Joseph shall come to New York. L.B.C. 7:185 4234
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Discussion of claim of Rolette's sister-in-law. The entire sum should in equity be paid to Rolette. L.B.C. 7:186-187 4235
- Apr. 4 -- Utica -- From Thomas Goodsell  
Arrangements about forwarding wheat ordered by Crooks. 1p. 4236
- Apr. 4 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received account of sales of beaver. Price is low. Re drafts. 1p. 4237
- Apr. 5 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet  
Terms he offers for salt. Mentions dates of delivery and the weight of barrels. 1p. 4238
- Apr. 5 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampsom, London  
Hopes to receive information from the interior soon. Whigs have won Connecticut election. Whig victory in New York may open Van Buren's eyes. Van Buren's destructive course will end in prostration of everybody. L.B.C. 7:188 4239
- Apr. 5 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Re Nourse's letter about Bailly's claim. Copy of report on the survey of the rapids of the Mississippi and of harbor of St. Louis sent to Crooks. Dodge wrote a strong letter to

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- the Senate Committee about the proposed Indian treaties. Mr. Poinsett did likewise. lp. 4240
- Apr. 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of accounts. Deer skins have been shipped to New York. lp. 4241
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 7:189 4242
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Part of French blankets have arrived. All English goods have finally been obtained from the Custom House. L.B.C. 7:190 4243
- Apr. 6 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Annexes whole of account of sales of furs. States results of recent fur sales. Hotte will soon be in trouble with his deer skins, if the Company can keep up the common sorts to high rates in New York. 3p. 4244
- Apr. 6 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Sent \$2000 from settlement with Bailly. lp. 4245
- Apr. 6 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re funds paid certain persons and drafts drawn. lp. 4246
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts and accounts. Encloses invoice for English goods and statement from the insurance company. Can sell some deer skins for home consumption. L.B.C. 7:191-192 4247
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses draft to be collected. The Company is much in need of money. L.B.C. 7:193 4248
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To Marle & Co., New Orleans  
Re bills of lading for goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. Details class of vessels on which freight should be forwarded to the Company. L.B.C. 7:194-195 4249
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To James Keith, Lachine  
Re plan by which funds may be forwarded to George Bonga who is in the employ of the Company. L.B.C. 7:196 4250
- Apr. 7 -- Frederick, Md. -- From Fritchle & Hanshew  
Desire prices of deer skins. Contemplate ordering some. lp. 4251
- Apr. 7 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Order for deer skins and directions about payment. lp. 4252

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- Apr. 7 -- Albany -- From John Taaffe  
Encloses note in payment of bill. 1p. 4253
- Apr. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Discussion of delay in the Company's letters being delivered in New York. Enclose copy of account of sales rendered by Lampson. 2p. 4254
- Apr. 9 -- New York -- To C. A. Harris, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington  
Re power of attorney to receive certain claim under the Ottawa and Chippewa treaties. L.B.C. 7:197 4255
- Apr. 9 -- New York -- To Moses Burnett, Syracuse  
Discussion of terms of purchase of salt. L.B.C. 7:198 4256
- Apr. 9 -- New York -- To Demers & Co., Montreal  
Has received funds for the balance of account for robes. L.B.C. 7:199 4257
- Apr. 9 -- New York -- To John J. Taaffe, Albany  
Re note received in payment for muskrats. L.B.C. 7:200 4258
- Apr. 9 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.  
Has no deer skins of the kind wanted. The Company will not receive deer skins for some weeks. L.B.C. 7:201 4259
- Apr. 9 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Requests prices of different kinds of furs. There is very little money in the region and that is bad (wild oat) currency. Will send two notes to Brewster to be collected and credited to the Milwaukee Outfit. 1p. 4260
- Apr. 9 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Encloses invoice for a few otter skins. Gives weight and prices of these skins. Desires Crooks's opinion of these skins. 3p. 4261
- Apr. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Are in need of French blankets at once. Re deer skins forwarded. 1p. (French) 4262
- Apr. 10 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Details of accounts. Requests remittance at an early date. L.B.C. 7:202 4263
- Apr. 10 -- New York -- To Alessandro Bertolla, Venice  
Re box forwarded at the request of Chouteau. Business is so distracted that only necessities of life will sell. Details of Bertolla's relatives in America. L.B.C. 7:203 4264

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- Apr. 10 -- New York -- To James Keith, Lachine  
Kenneth Mackenzie requests that letter be forwarded to  
Rev. Jones. Mackenzie has some children at Red River under  
protection of Mr. Jones. L.B.C. 7:204 4265
- Apr. 10 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Claims under Winnebago treaty. Loss by fire of factory  
establishment at post. lp. 4266
- Apr. 10 -- Hudson, New York -- From Miller & McKinstry (per  
Justus McKinstry)  
Statement of sum ordered paid to the Company by Cornwall  
which sum has been paid at the Catskill Bank. lp. 4267
- Apr. 10 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Difficulty of remitting has greatly increased. lp. 4268
- Apr. 11 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. Has received bill of lading for deer  
skins shipped from New Orleans. Desires instructions as to  
their disposal. Has not received any word from Diller or Stam-  
baugh. L.B.C. 7:205 4269
- Apr. 12 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Robes have arrived in good order. Details of accounts.  
Requests payment of balance. L.B.C. 7:206 4270
- Apr. 12 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Remainder of French blankets have  
arrived. Has fair demand for deer skins. Details of funds  
paid to Hudson's Bay Co. for Rev. David Jones at the request of  
Mackenzie. L.B.C. 7:207-208 4271
- Apr. 12 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Details of accounts. Brewster's plans for fur trade  
should give eventual and complete success. Re quantity of salt  
used for fisheries. May arrange contract with Burnett for  
salt. The Company's agents at Buffalo are Treat & Carter.  
Will forward supplies for vessel. L.B.C. 7:209-210 4272
- Apr. 12 -- War Department, Office Indian Affairs. -- From C.  
A. Harris (Commissioner)  
Re delay in certain payment till report is finally acted  
upon. lp. 4273
- Apr. 12 -- Syracuse -- From Moses Burnet  
Accepts the Company's terms for coarse salt. Doubts if he  
can furnish fine salt at the Company's terms; will be scarce  
until May 22. lp. 4274
- Apr. 12 -- Ipswich, Mass. -- From Z. P. Grant  
Re Jane Holiday's proposed trip to New York; her need for

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funds, etc. Re Miss Holiday's improvement while attending Miss Grant's seminary. lp. 4275

Apr. 12 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Is unable to secure copies of the treaties. Nourse will forward balance of Bailly's claim when draft on New York can be obtained. lp. 4276

Apr. 12 -- Ipswich -- From Jane J. Holiday  
Re plans for returning to Green Bay. Needs funds to pay bills and traveling expenses. lp. 4277

Apr. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Remit invoice of furs and skins forwarded. Re poor quality of skins. Have no news from the upper Missouri. lp. (French) 4278

Apr. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Request the Company to be entirely responsible for the sale of deer skins. Have no information from Diller or Staugh. lp. 4279

Apr. 13 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Request the Company to collect the enclosed draft. lp. 4280

Apr. 13 -- New York -- To J. B. Beaubien, Chicago  
Re proposal about buying muskrats. Has no present demand for rats. L.B.C. 7:211 4281

Apr. 13 -- New York -- To Chapron & Nidelet, Philadelphia  
Has accepted Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s draft. L.B.C. 7:212 4282

Apr. 13 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
Re directions to forward goods to Brewster by steamboat. Brewster will pay freight for lake transportation. L.B.C. 7:213 4283

Apr. 13 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will pay attention to deer skins. L.B.C. 7:214 4284

Apr. 14 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Approves contract made with Capt. Wood. Re accounts. Has directed Holt, Palmer & Co. to send all unsold robes to Brewster. Advises disposal of robes at an early date. Ravages of small-pox in the upper Missouri region will cause decrease in the supply of robes. Stanard should not have to wait at the Sault for supplies from Detroit. Encloses copies of London letters. L.B.C. 7:215-217 4285

Apr. 14 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re check received. L.B.C. 7:218 4286

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- Apr. 14 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for blankets to be shipped to St.  
Louis. L.B.C. 7:219 4287
- Apr. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re enclosed drafts. lp. (French) 4288
- Apr. 14 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Leipsic buyers are all gone. Expects light demand at the  
autumn sale for red fox for Canton market. Encloses Hudson's  
Bay Co.'s statement of Columbia river imports. Expects Lees to  
keep the market price up at the June sale of beaver. It is not  
possible to get rid of musquash. lp. 4289
- Apr. 15 -- Philadelphia -- To John B. Whetten  
Details of 2 notes left with James and directions; re  
certain check left with James. Re payment of check sent for  
collection. Mackinac books to be returned to Abbott in package  
of goods. Instructions for sending book for Rev. Mr. Baraga.  
lp. 4290
- Apr. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Chapron & Nidelet  
Enclose draft to be accepted. lp. 4291
- Apr. 16 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses proceeds of check collected. L.B.C. 7:220 4292
- Apr. 16 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Desires information about the fur trade; has heard re-  
ports about decrease in the Company's business. Requests esti-  
mate of goods needed for the coming year. lp. 4293
- Apr. 16 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Drafts for \$2000 on account. Money is very scarce; col-  
lections are very light. lp. 4294
- Apr. 16 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Details of forwarding of goods to St. Louis. Statement of  
deer skins ready to forward. High freight rates to Europe have  
led largest New York packet line to take only cargoes for  
Europe. Anticipate unsatisfactory shipping facilities to New  
York. 3p. 4295
- Apr. 16 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 4296
- Apr. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Information from Stambaugh about the purchase of the Com-  
pany's establishment is very indefinite. Have urged Stambaugh  
and Diller to go to New York. lp. 4297
- Apr. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Samuel C. Stambaugh  
Regrets not seeing Crooks in Philadelphia. Will go to New

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York if Miller can accompany him. Has not purchased any goods for the fort. Hopes to make a satisfactory arrangement with Sibley. 2p. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous). 4298

Apr. 16 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re drafts and accounts. Wish to know the price of rice and common raccoons. 1p. 4299

Apr. 16 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Details of error in account current and changes made. 2p. 4300

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Moses Burnet, Syracuse  
Details of directions for the shipment of salt. Encloses copy of agreement between Burnet and the Company. L.B.C. 7: 221 4301

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale in London was satisfactory. Burnet will furnish salt. Treat & Carter will forward salt from Buffalo. Hulburt has bought his supplies and gone home. It is important that Franchere should receive his goods before Hulburt's arrive. L.B.C. 7:222 4302

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knowler, Albany  
Is grateful for remittance. Will buy shipping furs if possible. L.B.C. 7:223 4303

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Miss Z. P. Grant, Ipswich  
Funds for Jane Holiday's expenses have not arrived. The Company will advance part of the sum needed. Crooks will arrange to send Jane to St. Mary's. L.B.C. 7:224 4304

Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of goods shipped to be forwarded to Rolette. Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale in London terminated favorably. Lampson hoped to have successful sale. Re instructions about buying peltries. L.B.C. 7:225-226 4305

Apr. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of state of exchange. Stambaugh expects to go to New York Apr. 18. 1p. 4306

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To Samuel C. Stambaugh, Lancaster  
Will write Sibley that no arrangement has been made. L.B.C. 7:227 4307

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To John Timon, St. Marys College, Perry Co., Missouri  
Discussion of no communications from Etienne about draft. Crooks will not pay money to Rozier without positive order. L.B.C. 7:228 4308

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- Apr. 18 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
 Gives rates of exchange. Re sale of Morris Canal Notes.  
 Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 7:229-230 4309
- Apr. 19 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
 Ravages of small-pox are not likely to cause much reduction in the demand for rifles. If trade improves, the Company will want the usual quantity of rifles. Can only sell English northwest guns. L.B.C. 7:231 4310
- Apr. 19 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
 Re goods to be forwarded to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Without delay. L.B.C. 7:232 4311
- Apr. 19 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
 Re goods to be forwarded to Mackinac and St. Mary's. Packages for Rev. Perz [Pierz] should be forwarded with the Company's goods. Re Company's agents at points in the interior. Discusses shipping arrangements. All shipments for the Company should be carefully inspected. L.B.C. 7:233-234 4312
- Apr. 19 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
 Re goods shipped. Packages for Rev. Perz [Pierz] should go to Franchere. L.B.C. 7:235 4313
- Apr. 19 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. St. Louis  
 Encloses invoice for wheat shipped via Pittsburgh. Annexes bill for clothes for Sanford. L.B.C. 7:236 4314
- Apr. 19 -- New York -- To Miller & McKinstry, Hudson  
 Details of case of Cornwall. L.B.C. 7:237 4315
- Apr. 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Discusses favorable result of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. The presence of many buyers ought to aid Lampson's sale. Has noted directions about purchasing skins. Will forward deer skins. Account of sales is correct. Banks in New York will resume specie payments soon, but Boston and Philadelphia refuse to cooperate. L.B.C. 7:238-239 4316
- Apr. 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Is grateful for the information about Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Account of sales from Lampson is correct. L.B.C. 7:240 4317
- Apr. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Re damage to merchandise. Have difficulty in selling damaged goods. Hope to receive the balance of the French blankets soon. Re shipment of deer skins. lp. (French) 4318
- Apr. 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Consider sale of Morris Canal Post notes exceedingly good. Details of enclosed notes. lp. 4319



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- Apr. 20 -- New York -- To Pheasants & Co., New Orleans  
Has received deer skins consigned to Siter, Price & Co.  
L.B.C. 7:241 4320
- Apr. 20 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
Re shipment to be forwarded to Brewster; re delay in  
shipment of certain packages for Abbott. Salt is to be de-  
livered by Burnet. Advises that arrangements be made to ship  
powder to Green Bay. L.B.C. 7:242-243 4321
- Apr. 20 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will try to have an interview with McCarty. Will forward  
deer skins to London. L.B.C. 7:244 4322
- Apr. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn in favor of Peter Powell & Co. lp. 4323
- Apr. 20 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Instructions about notes sent Apr. 19. lp. 4324
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Details of shipment of clothing for Abbott. L.B.C. 7:245 4325
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Goods of Franchere's private order have been shipped. En-  
closes annual account. L.B.C. 7:246 4326
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has sent Morris Canal notes with McCarty. L.B.C. 7:247 4327
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Had the advice of a  
shipmaster in selecting anchor and chain. L.B.C. 7:248 4328
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Has sent ledger and  
journal which have been written up. L.B.C. 7:249 4329
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Encloses invoice of spring supply of goods. Treat &  
Carter are the Company's agents at Buffalo. Has sent gold watch  
for Agnew. L.B.C. 7:250 4330
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for blankets to be forwarded to  
St. Louis. L.B.C. 7:251 4331
- Apr. 21 -- Boston -- From Henry Hill (Treasurer American Board  
of Commissioners of Foreign Missions)  
Encloses bill of lading for 16 boxes for missionaries near

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Lake Superior. Asks the Company to forward these. All articles are for the use of the mission. lp. 4332

Apr. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Report of efforts of personal friend in collecting certain notes. lp 4333

Apr. 21 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Are unable to settle account; payments have been very slow. Offer to apply furs on this debt. lp. 4334

Apr. 23 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Notes change of Buffalo agency to Treat & Carter. Suggests no more robes be sent Buffalo firm as it takes no interest in selling them. "Crooks" is taking up timber for the new vessel. Will advise Treat & Carter to send goods for the Sault and Mackinac but to keep the Lake Superior goods for the brig. Is going to Maumee. 2p. 4335

Apr. 23 -- Montreal -- From Beausoliel, Vallée, & Co.  
Effects of political troubles on general business have been disastrous. Are unable to meet payments. Ask the Company to appoint a receiver. lp. 4336

Apr. 23 -- New York -- From John Catlin  
Directs his dividend to be applied on his debt to the Company. lp. 4337

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Daniel Webster, Boston  
Kinney's note has been protested. Requests directions about having an interview with Kinney. L.B.C. 7:252 4338

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To John Catlin, Present  
Details of accounts. Requests prompt payment of balance. L.B.C. 7:253 4339

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of drafts and accounts. Re probable price of raccoons. Gives price of rice. L.B.C. 7:254-255 4340

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re accounts. Will be pleased if Gotts succeed in imitating French blankets. Domestic exchange is completely deranged. Discussion of ruinous inequality of exchange rates. Large importations of specie from Europe have helped some. General resumption of specie payment is necessary for permanent prosperity. L.B.C. 7:256-257 4341

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re reports from Lampson. Has given instructions to agents in the interior. Regrets the delay in shipment of Cutler's hardware. L.B.C. 7:258-259 4342

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- Apr. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Result of Lampson's sale surpassed the Company's expectations. Has noted advice about the prospects for the autumn sales. Expects large share of Detroit collection in time for the fall sale. L.B.C. 7:260-261 4343
- Apr. 23 -- So. Dedham, Mass. -- From Miss Z. P. Grant  
Plans for providing accommodations for Jane Holiday. Is glad to receive \$150 for her bills. lp. 4344
- Apr. 24 -- St. Louis -- Riggs Son & Aertsen to the Company  
Annexes copy of letter from Pierre Menard regarding payment of certain note in Philadelphia. lp. 4345
- Apr. 24 -- New York -- To Joseph Archer, Huron Co., Ohio  
Annexes invoice of goods forwarded. Times are still bad. L.B.C. 7:262 4346
- Apr. 24 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Directions about payment of certain funds. L.B.C. 7:263 4347
- Apr. 24 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Directions about marking shipments. Treat & Carter have charge of the Company's business at Buffalo. Details of drafts. Gives report of Lampson's sale. "Buy everything you can lay your hands on without fear, except beaver and muskrats". Has forwarded French blankets. Encloses memorandum for provisions for suttling at Fort Snelling. L.B.C. 7:264-265 4348
- Apr. 24 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Discussion of route by which workmen may be sent to the upper lakes. The Company will buy any shipping furs. Desires payment from Beauloliel, Vallee, & Co. on account. L.B.C. 7:266 4349
- Apr. 24 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Expects remittance soon. Will buy all shipping furs at market price. Last reports from England were favorable for furs and skins generally. L.B.C. 7:267 4350
- Apr. 24 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Hopes to secure settlement with Juneau soon. Muskrats are almost entirely out of use. Affairs of Milwaukee outfit should be closed by the end of the summer. L.B.C. 7:268 4351
- Apr. 24 -- New York -- William H. Tuthill to the Company  
Wishes credit for Rev. Edward Thompson to be placed at one of the Banks of Detroit. lp. 4352
- Apr. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received invoices of merchandise. Discussion of in-

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insurance arrangements. Re enclosed drafts. Are pleased that the prospects in Europe for the sale of peltries are good. Regret small returns. 2p. (French) 4353

Apr. 24 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re enclosed drafts. 1p. 4354

Apr. 25 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Summary of matters of recent letters. 1p. 4355

Apr. 25 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Has not received the balance of Bailly's claim. L.B.C. 7:  
269 4356

Apr. 25 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Agnew may return the watch, if it is not satisfactory.  
Encloses account current of St. Mary's Outfit to the close of  
1837. Recent sales in London were successful. Details of London  
prices. Advises the purchase of peltries at 1837 rates  
but muskrats are not wanted. Northern Outfit goods will leave  
early in May. Details of items in invoice. L.B.C. 7:270-272  
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Apr. 25 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. Re Morris Canal notes. L.B.C. 7:273  
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Apr. 25 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses account current of the Northern Department to the  
end of 1837. Directions regarding book-keeping. Re transportation  
charges to Buffalo. These rates are to be kept secret.  
London sales were better than expected. Advises buying all  
skins possible except muskrats. Any drafts necessary should be  
drawn on Brewster. L.B.C. 7:274-276 4359

Apr. 25 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Encloses accounts of Northern Outfit to the close of 1837.  
L.B.C. 7:277 4360

Apr. 25 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses papers to be forwarded to Northern Department, St.  
Mary's Outfit and Northern Outfit. L.B.C. 7:278 4361

Apr. 25 -- New York -- From New York Fire Insurance Company  
Circular -- Announcement of new insurance firm. 1p. 4362

Apr. 25 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Bailly received \$2000 from the government. Can sell certain  
bonds which will be delivered him upon payment of certain  
sum. 1p. 4363

Apr. 26 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Hunt in Detroit. Details of success in fur operations and

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high prospects. Encloses no. 4365. 1p.

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Apr. 26 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to George Hunt  
Instructions for fur operations. Authorization to draw  
drafts. Enclosed in no. 4364. 1p.

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Apr. 27 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Will send certain goods on immediately, if they are sent  
in his care. Hopes salt and goods for the north will be in  
Buffalo when the brig arrives. Order of provisions, etc. Per-  
sonal order. Hall's goods have been sent on to St. Mary's.  
Bahels paid certain notes. Encloses no. 4087. 2p.

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Apr. 27 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Will settle account with Lacey & Co. for guns. Will in-  
quire from Sargent & Son about prices of their guns. Hopes  
public opinion in the United States will bring the government  
to sense about finances. Biddle's interference with exchange  
and monetary affairs of England has done harm. Recent shipment  
of deer skins was not satisfactory. If Hotte has paid 36 or 37  
cents for common coarse skins and sends them to the continent,  
his loss will be fully 30 per cent. 2p.

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Apr. 28 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Details of Hunt's movements. Brewster will go to Maumee  
to buy. Will buy raccoons in accordance with advice from Lon-  
don. Draft for purchase from Evans -- details his collection.  
The Company will control the market, if Brewster does well in  
Maumee and Hunt on the Wabash and White Rivers. 1p.

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Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Alexis Bailly, Michigan City

Has received from Nourse balance of Bailly's claim. The  
entire sum is subject to Bailly's order. L.B.C. 7:279

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Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington

Has received balance of Bailly's claims. L.B.C. 7:280

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Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Encloses invoice for goods shipped on Rolette's private  
account. Encloses account current to the close of 1837. Will  
renew insurance on Rolette's property. L.B.C. 7:281

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Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien

Encloses account current to the close of 1837. Discussion  
of unsettled accounts of Western Outfit for 1834-1835. The  
Company has decided that Crooks shall make final settlement at  
Prairie du Chien. Crooks will leave for the lakes soon. The  
government will not pay Indian annuities in goods in 1838.  
Indian treaties are still before the Senate. If additional  
supplies are needed, orders will be filled. Details of drafts.  
Desires packs to be forwarded early. L.B.C. 7:282-284

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Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo

Re goods to be forwarded to Lapointe for mission.....

Directions for sending these goods promptly. L.B.C. 7:285 4373

Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling

Encloses account current to close of 1837. Annexes invoice of articles for Sibley's private account. L.B.C. 7:286 4374

Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling

Encloses account current of Fort Snelling Outfit to the close of 1837. Re protested draft. Has made every effort to settle suttling business with Stambaugh but in vain. Thinks Stambaugh did not wish to make settlement. Concentration of troops in Cherdakee country makes small garrison at Fort Snelling likely. Will fill orders for goods according to the number of troops at the fort. Expects treaties before the Senate to be ratified eventually. Packs should be sent forward rapidly. Settlement of Western Outfit affairs for 1834-1835 will be made at Prairie du Chien by Crooks. Re reports of London fur sales. Prospects are good for all peltries except beaver and rats. L.B.C. 7:287-290 4375

Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Re payments of accounts against Post-office department and of Bailly's claims. Reported sale of muskrats in London is doubtful. Bears and raccoons sold high at London sales. Re directions about drawing drafts. All packs are wanted early. Should be shipped direct to Buffalo. Discussion of suttling prospects at Fort Snelling and supplies shipped. Will send certified copy of the Company's charter. Re accounts enclosed. Detroit is a better market than New York for robes. Crooks will make final settlement of Western Outfit affairs for 1834-1835 when at Prairie du Chien. Rolette is employing too much capital. Encloses invoices for English and domestic goods. Has sent French blankets on trial. L.B.C. 7:291-298 4376

Apr. 28 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay

Will forward powder and oil-cloth for Western Outfit. Details of plans of transportation of the Company's goods. Robes should be sent to Detroit. L.B.C. 7:299 4377

Apr. 28 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay

Re difficulty in securing money. Details of payment of Bailly's claim. Advises Lawe to collect old debts rather than to carry on new business. Re account. Advises buying peltries at once. Peddlers should not be allowed to pick them up. L.B.C. 7:299-301 4378

Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Henry Hill, Boston

Goods for missionaries have been shipped. Regrets that supplies did not reach destination in 1837. Agents have special instructions about present shipment. L.B.C. 7:302 4379

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- Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
 Regrets poor transportation facilities from New Orleans.  
 Re goods to be forwarded to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 7:303 4380
- Apr. 28 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
 Blankets are low in price. Want of usual demand from the  
 United States is felt in prices. Some firms are making an imi-  
 tation of French blankets. 2p. 4381
- Apr. 28 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Will forward goods for Western Outfit. Returns from the  
 lower Missouri and Mississippi are more than mediocre. Are  
 pleased with the prospects in English market. Indian ravages  
 decrease returns in robes. 1p. (French) 4382
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Explain insurance arrangements. Have forwarded the re-  
 mainder of French blankets. Re packs received. Annexes report  
 of the London sale. L.B.C. 7:304-305 4383
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
 Has received bill of lading for deer skins. L.B.C. 7:306 4384
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
 Discussion of prices for raccoons. Is pleased that Brew-  
 ster will visit Maumee. L.B.C. 7:307 4385
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
 Re drafts. Requests investigation of affairs of Beausoliel,  
 Vallée & Co. Will be satisfied either to get back property  
 or secure its eventual payment. L.B.C. 7:308 4386
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Re deer skins shipped to London. Re drafts drawn. L.B.C.  
 7:309 4387
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
 Has received all the necessary reports of London sales.  
 Skins are high in the New York market. Oppenheim is to remain  
 in New York permanently. Hotte has gone to the interior.  
 Wishes to know about the sale of Powell's muskrats in London.  
 Re quality of deer skins shipped. L.B.C. 7:310-311 4388
- Apr. 30 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter  
 Details of goods forwarded to Franchère and Abbott. Will  
 await Brewster's instructions regarding shipment of Burnet's  
 salt. Discussion of arrangements for the care of the Company's  
 shipments at Portsmouth. Re charges and accounts. 2p. 4389

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- May 1 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Is surprised at the insolvency of Beausoliel, Vallée & Co.  
Re draft paid. Will purchase rice if it is wanted. L.B.C. 7:  
312 4390
- May 1 -- New York -- To Beausoliel, Vallée, & Co., Montreal  
Regrets that the firm has not proved able to pay its  
debts. Expects payment of money received for the sale of  
robes. Has asked Vallée, Boyer & Co. to attend to the settle-  
ment. L.B.C. 7:313 4391
- May 1 -- Niles [?] -- George Hunt to William Brewster  
Has made small purchase. Is on his way to interview  
Coquillard. lp. Enclosed in no. 4425. 4392
- May 1 -- South Bend -- From George Hunt  
Has drawn draft. lp. 4393
- May 1 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Goods from the Company have not arrived. Have forwarded  
furs and skins to New York. 2p. 4394
- May 1 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 4395
- May 1 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Send draft for \$1500. Hope to send balance in a few days.  
lp. 4396
- May 1 -- New York -- From Munro & Brother  
Announcement of their firm establishing house in London.  
Solicit the Company's business. lp. 4397
- May 1 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re payment to Lacy & Reynolds and acceptance of the Com-  
pany's draft in favor of Stephen A. Halsey. lp. 4398
- May 2 -- New York -- To C. A. Harris, Commissioner of Indian  
Affairs, Washington  
Discussion of Rolette's claim under the Chippewa and Ot-  
towa treaty. L.B.C. 7:315 4399
- May 2 -- New York -- To Riggs Son & Aertsen, Philadelphia  
Will provide for Menard's draft. L.B.C. 7:316 4400
- May 2 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Annexes order for goods to be purchased and forwarded. 4401  
L.B.C. 7:317
- May 2 -- South Bend -- George Hunt to William Brewster  
Has bought Taylor's large collection. Coquillard bought



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- skins of region for the Company. Enclosed in no. 4428. 1p. 4402
- May 2 -- Norfolk -- From William Francis, Jr.  
Re burial expenses of Mr. Scott. 1p. 4403
- May 3 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Encloses invoice of goods for Stambaugh & Sibley. If additional goods are needed, thinks Green Bay route of transportation will be the best. Re undesirability of New Orleans as shipping port in summer. L.B.C. 7:318 4404
- May 3 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Regrets that Factory establishment burned. Re insurance arrangements on goods shipped. Re Dubois' claim against Sacs and Foxes to be collected. Requests that French blankets be examined closely and compared with English. Details of tariff rates. L.B.C. 7:319-320 4405
- May 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. Hope money market will improve 1p. (French) 4406
- May 3 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyez & Co.  
Details of drafts and accounts. Discussion of route by which workmen may be sent to the upper lakes. 3p. 4407
- May 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts. Re error in invoice for French blankets. More French blankets have arrived. L.B.C. 7:321-322 4408
- May 4 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 7:323 4409
- May 4 -- South Bend -- From George Hunt.  
Has drawn draft. 1p. 4410
- May 4 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Received invoices and charges on goods sent on Department account. Papers for Northern Outfit and St. Marys will be sent on. Sheetting only goods that has arrived. Details of arrangements made for goods for Mackinac and St. Marys by Treat & Carter. Financial situation is better. 1p. 4411
- May 4 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Discussion of Rolette's claim. Gratiot thinks delay may be due to present low state of the Treasury. Treaties are in bad way as shown in the Senate debates on the bill for the protection of the western and northern frontier. Opposition is based entirely on the ground that addition of territory between

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the Missouri and the lakes would add too much power to the now slave holding states. Proposition was made to secure to the Indians all the country still occupied by them. Friends of the treaties now base their hope on Governor Dodge who is expected at once. 3p. 4412

May 4 -- New York -- From William Kemble (per A. Warner)  
Encloses bill and bill of lading for powder which is expected May 5. 1p. 4413

May 4 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Asks the Company to supply funds to a certain person. 1p. 4414

May 5 -- Michigan City -- From Clement H. Beaulieu  
Needs money. May have to draw on funds remitted from Washington. 1p. 4415

May 5 -- New York -- To C.M. Lampson, London  
Discussion of the Company's skins that appeared at Rows' sale. Opposition in the lake region will raise the price of skins. Hopes to stop rivals before they get a permanent footing. Re condition of the market. L.B.C. 7:324-325 4416

May 5 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Will forward deer skins. Re drafts. L.B.C. 7:326 4417

May 5 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Has received goods; invoice has not been received. Re Custom House regulations. L.B.C. 7:327 4418

May 5 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Will give prompt attention to requisitions. Will forward Northern Outfit goods. Is pleased that Warren takes Brewster's advice about employees. Is gratified that Hall's goods of 1837 are on their way to destination. Has forwarded mission goods for 1838. Fears Hottee may reach Maumee region before Brewster. Brewster may use his own discretion about prices for peltries. L.B.C. 7:328-329 4419

May 5 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Will send copy of Company's charter to be certified by the Secretary of State. L.B.C. 7:330 4420

May 5 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses letters from Lampson regarding the fur sale. Directions for investing Scott's Michigan State Bank certificates in flour. L.B.C. 7:331 4421

May 5 -- New York -- To Frederick Baraga, Lapointe  
Encloses account to the end of 1837. Re few sales of wine.

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Will forward articles from Trieste. Crooks expects to see Baraga at Lapointe. L.B.O. 7:333-334 4422

May 5 -- New York -- To Sherman Hall, Lapointe  
Details of Hall's goods lost in transit. Regret greatly the disappointment. Has forwarded 16 boxes of goods at the request of Henry Hill. Crooks will visit Lapointe soon. L.B.O. 7:335 4423

May 5 -- New York -- To John Holiday, Sault Ste. Marie  
Crooks will give personal attention to Lake Superior affairs. If business cannot be managed properly, the Company will quit. Has forwarded articles of clothing. Details of Jane Holiday's school expenses. Will settle all Holiday's accounts. L.B.O. 7:336-337 4424

May 5 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Opening of the Leipsic fair was rather favorable. Does not advise the Company to buy guns from Sargent & Son. Re assortment of recent consignment of deer skins. 2p. 4425

May 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Will try shipping peltries via Ohio. Are pleased with the prospects of fur market. Returns are poor. Re furs shipped. 1p. (French) 4426

May 7 -- Logansport -- George Hunt to William Brewster  
Report of his operations. 1p. Enclosed in no. 4431. 4427

May 7 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Hoette is buying on the Maumee. Has ordered Abbott and Lawe to buy every skin at any price. Shipment of 35 packs of furs. Franchere's goods on the way. Encloses nos. 4392 and 4402. 2p. 4428

May 7 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Details of accounts. Has received invoice. Goods arrived in excellent order. L.B.O. 7:332 4429

May 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Will forward deer skins received from St. Louis. Expect news soon of Hotte's movements. L.B.O. 7:338 4430

May 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has received Lampson's account of sales. L.B.O. 7:339 4431

May 7 -- Gloucestershire, England -- From Thomas Palmer  
Acknowledges receipt of the Company's letters. 1p. 4432

May 7 -- Canton, China -- From James P. Sturgis & Co.  
Have transferred their business to Russell, Sturgis & Co.

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who will give attention to the sale of furs and invest the proceeds as directed. 2p. 4433

May 7 -- Perry Co., Missouri -- From John Timon  
Discussion of accounts with Etienne. Details of draft not honored. 1p. 4434

May 7 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re accounts. 1p. 4435

May 7 -- Saginaw City -- E. S. Hamilton to William Brewster  
Inquires as to what kind of money he shall buy furs with.  
Report of operations. 1p. Enclosed in no. 4481. 4436

May 8 -- Detroit -- From S. T. Jamison  
Is unable to pay money owing to Crooks. Offers mortgage on pine lands along route of Illinois and Michigan canal. General financial situation hinders the sale of western property. 3p. 4437

May 8 -- London -- From Lacy & Reynolds  
Have received payment thru Lampson for sample Northwest guns sent to Crooks. Regret that guns arrived in rusty condition. Offer 5 per cent reduction in the price and credit of 12 months. 2p. 4438

May 9 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Account of sales is correct. May purchase some New Orleans deer skins. L.B.O. 7:340 4439

May 9 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Lampson's account of sales is correct. Re accounts. L.B.O. 7:341 4440

May 9 -- Bucifrus [1] -- E. S. Frost to William Brewster  
Report of operations. 2p. Enclosed in no. 4481. 4441

May 9 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Recommends that the Company buy guns from Lacy & Company. Cape goat skins have already hurt the export trade. The Leipzig fair seems to be worse than was expected. Raccoon and bear skins are likely to sell lower. 2p. 4442

May 9 -- Albany -- From Charles Lyon  
Order for muskrat skins to be sent at once. 1p. 4443

May 9 -- Saginaw -- E. S. & G. D. Williams to William Brewster  
Report of operations. Enclosed in no. 4481. 2p. 4444

May 10 -- Michigan City -- From Alexis Bailly  
Re certain drafts already drawn. Details of personal accounts. Stagnation of business. 2p. 4445

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- May 10 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Details of his need for funds; requests that Bates make payment on account. L.B.C. 7:341 1/2 4446
- May 10 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re draft and notes. Has shipped deer skins to London. Details of expenses on these skins. L.B.C. 7:342-343 4447
- May 10 -- New York -- To Charles Lyon, Albany  
Has shipped muskrats. Annexes bill. L.B.C. 7:344 4448
- May 10 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 7:345 4449
- May 10 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Is pleased that Brewster reached Maumee country before Hotté. Hopes the Company will secure all the returns in the Maumee region. The Company particularly wants fine raccoons. L.B.C. 7:346 4450
- May 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. Re order for German guns and beads. Prefer that merchandise be sent via Pittsburgh. lp. (French) 4451
- May 10 -- Canton -- From Russell, Sturgis & Co.  
Have been requested to give the Company information called for in letter to James P. Sturgis & Co. Explain arrangements for the sale of muskrats. Dealers seem unacquainted with muskrat skins. Statement of the kinds of furs in demand and the prices. Exports of tea to England and the United States are heavy. 2p. 4452
- May 10 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Will ship stoves. Describes bankruptcy of Beausoliel, Vallée & Co.; will attend to the Company's interests with this firm. lp. 4453
- May 11 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Have inclosed notes as requested. lp. 4454
- May 11 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has received a load of uninspected fish from St. Marie. Hopes Lake Superior goods will be at Buffalo when the brig arrives. Asks if Burnett shall pay storage on salt. The new schooner will be finished July 1. The "Crooks" will be unable to leave for 2 weeks, because of ice. Describes agents' operations. Has heard Abbott opposes rental of Mackinac hotel, because he wants to buy it. 2p. 4455
- May 11 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of drafts and notes. Wishes advice about settling with Beausoliel, Vallée, & Co. L.B.C. 7:347 4456

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- May 11 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St Louis  
 Re shipments expected from New Orleans. Regrets ravages  
 of small-pox. Hopes to be able to sell all robes at good  
 prices. Wishes information about George Ryerson. L.B.C. 7:  
 348-349 4457
- May 11 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
 Requests great care in handling peltries. Directions for  
 bills of lading. Re goods to be forwarded to the upper lakes.  
 Requests that articles for Mitchell be forwarded without delay.  
 L.B.C. 7:350-351 4458
- May 11 -- New York -- To Daniel Webster, Washington  
 Wishes to know about Kinney at once. L.B.C. 7:352 4459
- May 11 -- Cleveland -- Dockstader and Tomlinson to William  
 Brewster  
 Report of operations. lp. Enclosed in no. 4481. 4460
- May 11 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
 Enclose draft for \$1000. Request statement of account.  
 lp. 4461
- May 11 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Re condition of exchange. Instructions to be given  
 Lampson about proceeds from the sale of deer skins. lp. 4462
- May 11 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter  
 Have forwarded to Brewster the goods for Lake Superior  
 missionaries. Re furs and deer skins forwarded. lp. 4463
- May 12 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
 Details of drafts. Clapp and family have left for St.  
 Louis. Wishes Chouteau & Mackenzie success in their new  
 business. L.B.C. 7:353 4464
- May 12 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay  
 Re powder forwarded. Re directions for payment of freight.  
 L.B.C. 7:354 4465
- May 12 -- New York -- To John Holiday, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Re payment made to Miss Grant. Encloses invoice for  
 clothes forwarded. L.B.C. 7:355 4466
- May 12 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
 Encloses invoice for powder and other articles forwarded  
 to Mitchell. Has advised Mitchell to send robes to Brewster  
 and all other peltries to New York. Directions for marking  
 packs. Will forward certified copy of the Company's charter.  
 L.B.C. 7:356-357 4467

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May 12 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Is pleased that banks will make effort to resume specie payment. If Biddle will consent to resume, others will follow. Fears Hotte's course with Hollister's will produce strong bias in his favor. The Company will approve whatever action Brewster may take. Oppenheim is endeavoring to engross both deer and furs. Oppenheim's profits are not likely to enrich him. Regrets that Newberry is so indiscreet. Has shipped Northern Outfit supplies. L.B.C. 7:358-360 4468

May 12 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re accounts. L.B.C. 7:361 4469

May 12 -- New York -- To Benjamin Stanard, Buffalo  
Details of quantity of goods to be taken on brig. L.B.C. 7:362 4470

May 12 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for blankets. L.B.C. 7:363 4471

May 12 -- Buffalo -- From Hunter, Palmer & Co.  
Annex account of sales and account current for buffalo robes. Delay is due to A. Hills of Painsville who has not rendered account of sales. Have found record of jar of snuff. lp. 4472

May 12 -- London -- From G. W. Lampson  
Leipsic fair has been a bad one. Red fox skins must be kept over. Expects mink to sell well in the autumn. Not half of the raccoons taken to Leipsic have been sold. lp. 4473

May 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Annex copies of letters of Apr. 19 and 20. Have intended to secure insurance only on goods sent to St. Louis and not on furs forwarded to New York. Details of merchandise ordered. lp. (French) 4474

May 12 -- Washington -- From Daniel Webster  
Kinney is in New York and will try to arrange about note. It is exceedingly difficult to raise money. Does not discern any change in the times for the better. 2p. 4475

May 14 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Will try to use notes sent by Bates. L.B.C. 7:364 4476

May 14 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Has received check. Encloses account to date. L.B.C. 7:365 4477

May 14 -- New York -- To Hurd & Co., Schenectady  
Encloses bill for goods damaged on route of American Trans-

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portation Co. Re goods to be forwarded. L.B.C. 7:367 4478

May 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received invoices for French blankets. Re change in order. Details of skins and furs shipped. Approve that Menard's draft has been honored. lp. (French) 4479

May 14 -- Perrysburgh -- From William Brewster

Hoette is in town; tells of his operations there. Details of Brewster's operations. Competition is exciting. lp. 4480

May 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Is going to the Maumee to buy furs. The season's work is the mere beginning of what can be done another year. Has a scheme for getting control of all furs and skins north of the Ohio. Encloses nos. 4427, 4436, 4441, 4444, and 4460. 4p. 4481

May 14 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet

Shipped salt. Cannot furnish fine salt at the price named. Can send 375 barrels during May. lp. 4482

May 14 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Discussion of affairs of Beausoliel & Vallée. Their property has been seized. lp. 4483

May 15 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Details of Hunt's drafts. Hopes Hunt's operations will be successful. Discussion of character and activities of opponents. Competition has become war of extermination. Describes goods shipped. L.B.C. 7:368-369 4484

May 15 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo

Details of memorandum of goods forwarded. L.B.C. 7:370 4485

May 15 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re accounts. Discussion of activities of German rivals who ship direct to the continent and injure Lampson's business. Tells of plans of the Company to purchase all the skins possible. Re need for funds. L.B.C. 7:371-372 4486

May 15 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London

Grooks has given details of plans in private letter. Re skins shipped for Siter, Price & Co. L.B.C. 7:373 4487

May 16 -- Perrysburgh -- From William Brewster

Letter of May 14 should have been dated May 15. Purchased all the skins at the Maumee despite Hoette's competition. Details of high words. lp. 4488



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- May 16 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Requests early remittance. Will accept furs for shipment.  
L.B.C. 7:374 4489
- May 16 -- New York -- To S. T. Jamison, Detroit  
Has received Jamison's note on account of Jane Holiday's  
school expenses. L.B.C. 7:375 4490
- May 16 -- New York -- To Alexis Bailly, Michigan City  
Details of delay in receiving payments from Nourse.  
L.B.C. 7:376 4491
- May 16 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. Has advised Lampson to pay the net  
proceeds of the sale of deer skins to Brown & Co. L.B.C. 7:377 4492
- May 16 -- New York -- To Moses D. Burnett  
Encloses note in payment for salt. Is pleased to have the  
salt delivered promptly. L.B.C. 7:378 4493
- May 16 -- Noblesville -- From George Hunt  
Draft of \$1000 given for the entire collection of Connor  
Stephenson & Cole. lp. 4494
- May 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of enclosed draft drawn by Indian chiefs. lp. 4495
- May 16 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Re draft drawn. lp. 4496
- May 16 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co  
Have shipped merchandise to Buffalo. Estate of Beausoliel  
& Vallee appears to be worth little. lp. 4497
- May 17 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will give attention to drafts on Indian agent. L.B.C. 7:379 4498
- May 17 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Explains plans for transportation of freight from Buffalo.  
Re quantity of salt purchased. Hopes the "Brewster" will be  
ready to sail by July 1. Hopes Brewster will get all skins  
from St. Clair river district. Discussion of prices for mar-  
tins. Will arrange to send Jane Holiday home. Will not sell  
Mackinac property except at fair value. Annexes memorandum of  
goods shipped. L.B.C. 7:380-382 4499
- May 17 -- New York -- To Miss Z. P. Grant, South Deadham (Deadham)  
Has paid draft on Jane Holiday's account. Re Jamison's

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inability to supply funds at present. Tells of arrangements to send Jane Holiday home. L.B.O. 7:383-384 4500

May 17 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Wishes to hear from the Company about skins. 1p. 4501

May 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re condition of exchange. 1p. 4502

May 18 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay  
Dodge is in Washington; the prospect of the Winnebago Treaty being ratified is better than that of others. Must get all the skins except rats even at higher prices. Re prices for minks and raccoons. L.B.O. 7:385 4503

May 18 -- New York -- To John Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Regrets that Livingston was so long delayed in Lower Canada. Crooks will be at St. Mary's in June. L.B.O. 7:386 4504

May 18 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay  
Re stove to be forwarded. Wishes to buy Mitchell's skins. Indian treaties are still before the Senate; their fate is doubtful. Dodge's influence may procure their ratification. L.B.O. 7:387 4505

May 18 -- New York -- To Rev. Sherman Hall, Lapointe  
Details of goods forwarded from Buffalo for Hall. L.B.O. 7:388 4506

May 18 -- New York -- To Frederick Baraga, Lapointe  
Re boxes forwarded for Baraga. Has sent wine to Abbott. L.B.O. 7:389 4507

May 18 -- New York -- To John Holiday, Sault Ste. Marie  
Plans to send Jane home. L.B.O. 7:390 4508

May 18 -- New York -- To Alexis Bailly, Michigan City  
Re draft presented. Discusses accounts. L.B.O. 7:391 4509

May 18 -- New York -- To Eustache Roussain, Ance  
Hopes that Ance will have good returns. Fish should be cured carefully. The Company will quit the fish trade, unless it is better managed. The prospects are fair for all skins except rats. L.B.O. 7:392 4510

May 18 -- New York -- To William A. Aitken, Fond du Lac  
Regrets that the trial of the Indian who murdered Alfred Aitken was not conducted in 1837. Economy is necessary in the affairs of the Northern Outfit. Discussion of bad management of the fishing business. Indian treaties are still before the Senate. Re payment of Hudson's Bay Co.'s drafts. Has agreed to

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continue arrangement with Hudson's Bay Co. Discussion of Aitken's complaints about supplies. Indians should not be given credit. L.B.C. 7:393-398 4511

May 18 -- New York -- To William A. Aitken, Fond du Lac  
Returns should reach Lapointe early. Aitken should urge efficiency at all posts. Annexes account current. L.B.C. 7:399 4512

May 18 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo.  
Packs have arrived promptly. Desires the weight of all packs. Re invoices and bills of lading. L.B.C. 7:400-401 4513

May 18 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Details of letter for Aitken. Brewster will fill orders. Northern Outfit goods will be taken by the brig from Buffalo. Discusses accounts. Re insurance arrangements. Will not employ Canadian boatmen. Requests careful attention to the fishing business. Expects new schooner to be ready in July. Re fishing stations. The Company is opposed to the expenditure of money without reasonable certainty of profitable return. Re plans for salt. Will furnish additional goods, if the Chippewa treaty is ratified. Details of notes for circulation as orders at retail store. Lac du Flambeau trade will be discontinued. Re account of sales of furs and skins. Crooks expects to go to Lapointe in June. Annexes memorandum of goods. L.B.C. 7:402-409 4514

May 18 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Regrets the death of Franchere's daughter. Describes goods forwarded to Lake Superior. Re insurance arrangements. L.B.C. 7:410-411 4515

May 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Details of salt for the Northern Outfit. The Company is sending Stephen James to Mackinac to assist Abbott. Describes skins purchased. L.B.C. 7:412-413 4516

May 18 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Goods should be furnished to Lawe and Portier, if wanted. Ottawa and Chippewa annuities will be paid in specie. Re financial affairs of the United States Treasury. Tells of assistance to be given to Abbott by James. L.B.C. 7:414-416 4517

May 18 -- Logansport -- George Hunt to William Brewster  
Report of purchasing operations. Enclosed in no. 4562. 2p. 4518

May 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Explains how he got furs which Roette had contracted for. 12,000 Maumee raccoons have arrived; the rest are expected next week. Funds on hand cannot be converted into money that will pass in Ohio. Details of Stanard's account of the misman-

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agement at Lake Superior. Bank would cash certificate only in state notes. Cannot convert funds into money that will pass in the East. Re what can be done for Scott. Suit against McCormick, Moon & Crane will have to go on. Is glad that Crooks concurs regarding the necessity of controlling American furs at any price. Will have shipped 20,000 raccoon alone by June 10. Lampson must get higher prices. Hoette's movements are unknown since he left Perrysburgh broken. Told collectors at Maumee Company would ruin them if they would not make permanent arrangement with the Company at fair prices. Inquires how late furs can leave Detroit and be in London for the fall sales. Lawe has not been told fur prices and will be guided by last year's rates. 4p. 4519

May 19 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Received the goods ordered. High water made Franchere's pickerel fishing poor. 1p. 4520

May 19 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of packing accounts. Re sale of deer skins. Discussion of the cost of blankets in France and in England. Annexes account of sales of furs and skins in London. L.B.C. 7:417-419 4521

May 19 -- New York -- To Alexis Bailly, Michigan City

Discussion of Bailly's accounts with the Company. L.B.C. 7:420 4522

May 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re invoices for deer skins sent to London. L.B.C. 7:421 4523

May 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Re invoices for deer skins and furs. Does not expect over half the usual quantity of fine deer skins. Chouteau expects to obtain very few. All kinds of skins are scarce in the St. Louis region. Expects average returns from the Lake region. The Company expects to keep even with its German rival. L.B.C. 7:422-423 4524

May 19 -- New York -- To Brown & Co., Liverpool

Net proceeds of the sale of deer skins belonging to Siter, Price & Co. will be paid to Brown & Co. by Lampson. L.B.C. 7:424 4525

May 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re last shipment of deer skins via New Orleans. Details of drafts drawn. If the government fulfills its engagements, with the Indians, Pratte, Chouteau & Co. will not need to draw further. 1p. (French) 4526

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May 19 — Prairie du Chien — From Joseph Rolette

103 packs of furs have been sent. Poor fur returns. Com-  
plains against the settlement made by the Board of Directors  
with the post. Asks Crooks's presence at examination of claims  
by the Commission. 2p. 4527

May 21 — New York — To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Expects James to arrive at Mackinac in time for Abbott to  
go to Green Bay. Annexes memorandum for additional goods for  
Northern Outfit. L.B.O. 7:425 4528

May 21 — New York — To Treat & Carter, Buffalo

Directions to forward goods to Franchere without delay.  
L.B.O. 7:426 4529

May 21 — New York — To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia

Re order for beads. L.B.O. 7:427 4530

May 21 — Dedham, Mass. — From Miss Z. P. Grant

Jane Holiday needs two French calico dresses, black silk  
dress and shawl. 1p. 4531

May 21 — London — From O. M. Lampson

Re plans for forcing Hotte out of the market. Thinks  
Hotte has lost on deer skins and will not compete further in  
that trade. Oppenheim & Hotte labor under great disadvantage in  
in the London sales, in spite of their boasting of high prices  
they can give. Powell's musquash has not been sold. If banks  
in the United States generally resume specie payments, revival  
in business will follow. Reports from Leipzig are still unfav-  
orable. 3p. 4532

May 21 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.

Re packages missing in recent shipment. Describes goods  
forwarded to St. Louis. Re furs and skins forwarded to New  
York. 3p. 4533

May 21 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for furs and deer skins. 1p. 4534

May 22 — New York — To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Remainder of lines and twines have been shipped. Treaties  
have not yet been ratified. L.B.O. 7:428 4535

May 22 — New York — To J. & B. Knower, Albany

Encloses drafts on Indian agent at Albany to be collected.  
L.B.O. 7:429 4536

May 22 — New York — To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Has sent draft on Indian agent to Albany. Directions have  
been given to Brown & Co., Liverpool. L.B.O. 7:430 4537

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- May 22 — Philadelphia — From Geisse & Korckhausse  
Have beads such as the Company wishes to buy. Will sell  
them at 30 cents per pound on usual credit. lp. 4538
- May 23 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Re directions about sending Jane Holiday home. L.B.O. 7:  
431 4539
- May 23 — New York — To Geisse & Korckhausse, Philadelphia  
Requests sample of beads. L.B.O. 7:432 4540
- May 23 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Will forward furs and skins. Traders in the lake region  
are making considerable purchases. L.B.O. 7:433 4542
- May 23 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
Describes otters in the market. Will forward raccoons and  
deer skins. Will sell grey deer in New York. Re efforts to  
keep skins out of Hotte's hands. Brewster competed successful-  
ly with Hotte in the Maumee country. L.B.O. 7:434-435 4543
- May 23 — New York — To John Holiday, Sault Ste. Marie  
Re departure of Jane Holiday for home. Details of ac-  
counts. L.B.O. 7:436-437 4544
- May 23 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of skins via Pittsburgh. Have received in-  
voice for scarlet blankets. Re drafts. lp. (French) 4545
- May 23 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re enclosures. lp. 4546
- May 23 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re points in letters received from the Company. lp. 4547
- May 24 — West Chester — From A. Bolmar  
Annexes bill for Sylvester Chouteau's school expenses.  
lp. 4548
- May 24 — Fort Wayne — George Hunt to William Brewster  
Report of purchasing operations. Those of rivals. Method  
of transporting furs. lp. Enclosed in no. 4590. 4549
- May 24 — Fort Wayne — From George Hunt  
Draft drawn. lp. 4550
- May 24 — Utica — From Stocking & Hunt  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. Will forward  
furs to New York; the proceeds will be paid to the Company. 4551

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- May 25 — New York — To G. M. Lampson, London  
Re accounts. Discussion of the quality of otters and the probable prices for them. L.B.C. 7:438 4552
- May 25 — Philadelphia — From Geisse & Korchhaus,  
Details of the kinds and quantity of beads on hand and the prices. Have not many beads in stock as orders have been light for a year or two. 2p. 4553
- May 25 — St. Louis — From Wilson P. Hunt  
Order to pay certain newspaper subscriptions and charge to account of P. Chouteau, Jr. & Co. 1p. 4553a
- May 26 — New York — To Miss Z. P. Grant, Ipswich  
Re sending Jane Holiday home. L.B.C. 7:439 4554
- May 26 — New York — To Francis Renaud, Pittsburgh  
Re guns to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 7:440 4555
- May 26 — New York — To Treat & Carter, Buffalo,  
Details of goods shipped to Buffalo by Vallée, Boyer & Co., Directions for forwarding. L.B.C. 7:441 4556
- May 26 — New York — To Geisse & Korchhaus, Philadelphia  
The Company cannot take beads except of a certain kind. Directions for shipping these beads. L.B.C. 7:442 4557
- May 26 — New York — To Stooking & Hunt, Utica  
Is grateful for remittance on account. L.B.C. 7:443 4558
- May 26 — New York — To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 7:444 4559
- May 26 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Discussion of bankruptcy of Beausoliel, Vallée & Co. Re accounts. L.B.C. 7:445 4560
- May 26 — New York — To A. Bolmar, West Chester, Pa.  
Encloses draft to pay Sylvester Chouteau's school expenses. L.B.C. 7:446 4561
- May 26 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Operations of himself and rivals. Thinks Hoette is in New York. Hopes Crooks will buy eastern furs at any price. Encloses no. 4518. 2p. 4562
- May 26 — London — From G. M. Lampson  
Is glad that prospects for fur trade are good. Final reports of Leipzig fair are slightly better than expected. Details of general prospects for various furs. Army contractor will take bear skins. Hotte's high prices cannot be realized in market. Appearances indicate an excess of common deer skins. 2p. 4563

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May 27 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe

Times are very dull. Small-pox among the Menominee nation so there was no hunting done. Details of certain note and persons concerned with it. Few skins, mostly muskrats brought to Green Bay. 3p. 4564

May 27 -- Boston -- From Crocker & Brewster

Re box for Jane Holiday. 1p.

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May 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss

Have forwarded cask of blue beads. Have on hand agate beads, cut glass and fancy beads, cord and hat tassels, bells, etc. 1p. 4566

May 28 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter

Powder for Green Bay still awaits transportation. Steamboats consider it dangerous freight. Other goods will be sent to Detroit to be transhipped. Vallee, Boyer & Co. have advised of shipment of stoves and shoes; these have not arrived. Re shipments to Franchere, Abbott, and Mitchell. 3p. 4567

May 29 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie

Discussion of lack of supplies for fishing business. Must discharge inefficient employees. Any failure in 1838 will be attributed to poor management. Details of new vessels. The Company will not employ boatmen from Canada. Re canal likely to be built around the Falls of St. Mary's. Urges Franchere to give all attention to the Company's business. Re accounts. Ratification of Indian treaties is doubtful. Desires all skins that can be bought on fair terms. L.B.C. 7:447-452 4568

May 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Instructions about enclosed bill. 1p.

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May 30 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Shipment of furs. It is advisable to keep early shipments for the spring sale when prices are higher. Hunt's furs are not in. Does not think certain note will be paid. The amount Treat and Carter owed was for fish. Is leaving for Cleveland to receive flour; the price is advancing. Hoette has threatened to report Brewster to Crooks. Notices remarks on fire damage to goods on railroad. 2p. 4570

May 30 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Details of accounts. L.B.C. 7:453

May 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Is gratified at Crooks's success in the Maumee region. Advises making arrangements with Maumee traders for returns of 1838. Lampson will be gratified at Hotte's failure. Urges prompt shipment of furs. Re reports received from traders. Reform at Lapointe seems necessary. Plenty of salt must be



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supplied for fisheries. Re methods in transferring funds.  
L.B.C. 7:454-456

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May 30 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Discussion of the method of packing furs and skins. Re directions for packing robes. Sioux robes in 1837 were very inferior to the upper Missouri robes. Re care to be exercised in shipments. Details of difficulty in obtaining beads. Re kinds of guns on hand. Details of freight rates. Transportation facilities from New Orleans are bad. Describes skins sold. Discussion of errors in filling order for French blankets. Has shipped deer skins to London. L.B.C. 7:457-462 4573

May 30 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Consider financial crisis in the United States a most extraordinary situation. Trade is not brisk; wool is advancing. 2p. 4574

May 30 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Blankets have been forwarded to St. Louis. Re skins and furs ready to forward to New York. Re freight rates. 2p. 4575

May 30 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs. lp. 4576

May 31 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Cutler  
Annexes statement of account. lp. 4577

May 31 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Re guns and beads to be forwarded to St. Louis. Wishes to know rates on Pennsylvania Canal for robes, furs, etc. L.B.C. 7:463 4578

May 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Regrets that prices for deer skins are not higher. The Company has to pay high prices to defeat German rivals. Re plans to purchase skins expected soon in the market. Prefers guns from Sargent & Son. Re error in account of sales. Re invoices for deer skins and furs shipped. Tells of purchases made by Brewster in the Maumee country. L.B.C. 7:464-467 4579

May 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of error in account of sales. Re shipments to Lampson and draft drawn. L.B.C. 7:468 4580

May 31 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Details of drafts enclosed and condition of accounts. Have shipped collection of furs to New York. Expect to be in New York next week. lp. 4581

May 31 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have shipped skins via Pittsburgh. Have received account of sales. French blankets are higher than English this year;

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are not satisfactory. Are pleased that grey deer skins are sold. 2p. (French) 4582

May 31 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter  
Have forwarded goods to Brewster. Re furs and skins forwarded to New York. 1p. 4583

June 1 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
James has not arrived. Lawe's Indians did not have good hunts. Asks Crooks to send Lawe goods, if the Winnebago treaty is put into effect. Must see Crooks at Mackinac. Biddle will probably sell to the Company. 1p. 4584

June 1 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has received invoice for beads. L.B.C. 7:469 4585

June 1 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 7:470 4586

June 1 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Exchange has been advanced. Biddle has agreed to resume specie payment. Expects all solvent banks to resume. Congress has rescinded specie circular. Discussion of operation of specie circular regulations. Expects better times soon. Has paid high prices to keep deer out of the hands of Hette. L.B.C. 8:1-2 4587

June 1 -- New York -- From Root, Leonard & Foadick  
Request for note on account. 1p. 4588

June 1 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have received remittance from Outler to be credited to the Company. 1p. 4589

June 2 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Will send 50 barrels of fine salt to Northern Outfit and robes to Lapointe. Urges Crooks to find a blacksmith in the East. Get fleur in Cleveland and all furs collected there. Hette has returned to New York without buying. The Company has control of a large part of the skins of the section. Encloses no. 4549. 2p. 4590

New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Details of market for woollens. Re kind and quantity of blankets wanted. Discusses government financial policies. Expects a gradual return to prosperity. L.B.C. 8:3-4 4591

June 2 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses check for the proceeds of a draft on Indian agent. L.B.C. 8:5 4592

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- June 3 — West Chester — From A. Bolmar  
Acknowledges receipt of draft on Sylvester Chouteau's account. lp. 4593
- June 4 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
Has drawn draft of \$500 to pay for boat for Western Outfit. lp. 4594
- June 4 — New York — To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Encloses account current of Fort Snelling Outfit. Fate of Indian treaties remains undecided. Re condition of the fur market. The Company has received funds for Bailly's claim; holds part for his debts to Western Outfit. L.B.C. 8:6 4595
- June 4 — New York — To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Wishes full statement of Bailly's account with Western Outfit. Encloses abstracts of accounts for 1836, 1837 and 1838. Re delay in shipment of powder from Buffalo. L.B.C. 8:7 4596
- June 4 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has received packing account. Drafts have been accepted. Explains conditions on which blue beads can be supplied. Annexes new statement concerning French blankets. L.B.C. 8:8-9 4597
- June 4 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Is gratified that Hotté has met with disappointment. Drafts have been honored. The Company is buying nearly all the skins that come to New York. L.B.C. 8:10 4598
- June 4 — Pittsburgh — From Francis Ronaud  
Encloses bill of lading for skins. Re freight rates from Pittsburgh direct to New York. Enclosed is sum to pay subscription to a certain paper. lp. 4599
- June 4 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.  
Are grateful for funds collected on drafts. lp. 4600
- June 4 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Will give attention to the Company's interests in the estate of Beauseliel, Vallée & Co. lp. 4601
- June 4 — Lapointe — From Lyman M. Warren  
Encloses drafts of Baraga and Hall to be collected. Unfavorable weather has injured the spring hunts; fears poor returns. lp. 4602
- June 5 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Requests instructions about certain draft. Re order for fox skins. L.B.C. 8:11 4603

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- June 5 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Has received goods. Furs are scarce. Pickerel fishery  
was poor because of high water. lp. 4604
- June 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Expect returns daily. Re enclosed draft. lp. (French) 4605
- June 6 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses account of sales from Lampson. Has had no news  
from Washington. L.B.C. 8:12 4606
- June 6 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Harris reports that all Rolette's claims will be paid.  
Hopes to arrange payment at New York instead of Detroit. The  
treaties will be acted on definitely in a few days. 2p. 4607
- June 6 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Re prospects for deer skins. Encloses catalog of Hudson's  
Bay Company's beaver sale. All musquash was withdrawn. lp. 4608
- June 7 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of rates of exchange. Wishes to know the standing  
of certain latter. L.B.C. 8:13 4609
- June 7 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has drawn 3 drafts for provisions contracts. Holiday  
stayed in Detroit to see Crooks and Brewster together. Competi-  
ters will get only small lots. People in the north will have  
enough salt this year. Will write Burnett about the delivery of  
the rest of the salt. W. Mitchell is buying for the Company.  
Will buy muskrats. lp. 4610
- June 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
The Company has not expected to make any profit on deer  
skins. Is pleased that the Leipzig fair opened favorably. The  
success of the Indians in hunting depends much upon the quality  
of their guns. Poor guns are dear at any price. Hopes Hudson's  
Bay Company will succeed in selling beaver and muskrats, so as  
to prevent them from being brought to New York. Hotte's activi-  
ties in the lake country have been complete failure. Details of  
supply of skins in eastern states. L.B.C. 8:14-16 4611
- June 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of shipments made to Lampson. Re draft drawn.  
L.B.C. 8:17 4612
- June 7 -- Noblesville -- From George Hunt  
Draft drawn. lp. 4613

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- June 8 -- Michigan City -- From Alexis Bailly  
Details of personal accounts. Errors and misunderstandings  
about funds, involving Sibley and Dousman. 3p. 4614
- June 8 -- New York -- To William Brewster  
Packs have not arrived from Buffalo. Considers the spring  
sales favorable for fine raccoons. Details of drafts. Hotte  
has returned to New York. Details of the Company's plans to  
buy all skins. Hotte and Oppenheim have only a few skins.  
L.B.C. 8:18-19 4615
- June 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Report of information received about the standing of Henry  
Tilge. 1p. 4616
- June 8 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Wish to purchase common raccoons at the lowest rate. 1p. 4617
- June 9 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re bills of exchange drawn on Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Center has bought Conn. shipping furs. Re skins the Company  
will ship. Describes Hotte's disappointment in efforts to buy  
skins. Detroit packs have arrived. Discussion of keeping some  
of Brewster's raccoons for the spring sale. L.B.C. 8:20-21 4618
- June 9 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re skins shipped to Lampson. L.B.C. 8:22 4619
- June 9 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Packs have arrived in fair condition. Directions about  
missing packages. L.B.C. 8:23 4620
- June 9 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter  
Describes stoves received from Montreal and state charges  
on the same. There have been few opportunities for shipping to  
the Sault or Green Bay. 1p. 4621
- June 10 -- Albany -- From John Taaffe  
Encloses note in payment of skins. Details of advantages  
of making note payable at Albany. Annexes circular announcing  
his business. 1p. 4622
- June 11 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Regrets that late reports from Leipsic are not favorable.  
Is pleased that Lampson has sold deer skins so well. L.B.C. 8:  
24 4623
- June 11 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Re proposed trip of de Montmort of French legation to the  
Falls of St. Anthony. Requests that Crooks give French repre-

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sentative letters to the Company's agents in order to facilitate his journey. lp. 4624

June 11 -- London -- C. M. Lampson to Brown & Co.

Has been requested by Crooks to advise them of shipment of deer skins belonging to Siter, Price & Co. Re the probable value of these skins. Crooks has been directed to pay the proceeds from these skins to Brown & Co. lp. Enclosed in no. 4636 4625

June 11 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Instructions about enclosed drafts. lp. 4626

June 12 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Discussion of transportation lines between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Details of freight rates. L.B.C. 8:25 4627

June 12 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot

Three upper Mississippi treaties were confirmed June 11. Only the signature of the President is yet required. lp. 4628

June 12 -- New York -- David S. Lyon to the Company

Letter to identify his nephew, A. W. Lyon. [Note on the back of the letter:] A. W. Lyon, brother-in-law of John Agnew of St. Mary's, to whom we paid \$394 as directed by Gabriel Franchere, Mar. 5, 1838. lp. 4629

June 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.

Annexes memorandum for English merchandise with directions for delivery. Hopes the same quality of guns will not advance much in price. Wants good quality of blankets. lp. (French) 4630

June 12 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette

Criticisms of goods received. Furs will be sent as soon as they have been received. Fur returns are poor. Hopes to hear that the treaties are ratified. lp. 4631

June 12 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Directions regarding draft. All red and cross fox skins seem to have been shipped. lp. 4632

June 13 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Is glad that Crooks will prevent Hoette buying in New York. Will try to buy Ewings' skins in spite of what Hunt says. Shipping 60 packs. Holt & Oppenheim have not bought more than \$6000 worth of furs in Detroit. lp. 4633

June 13 -- New York -- To Wilson P. Hunt, St. Louis

Re accounts. Is gratified that Clapp and family arrived safely at St. Louis. L.B.C. 8:26 4634

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June 13 — New York — To John Taaffe, Albany

Has received circular, and note for the proceeds of muskrats. L.B.C. 8:27 4635

June 13 — London — From C. M. Lampson

Has noted Crooks's remarks about short supply of good deer skins. Fears higher prices on deer skins will increase the use of Cape goat skins. The Company is succeeding in fur purchases in opposition to the Germans better than Lampson expected. Furriers say bear skins will not be used for trimming; prices will be lower. Advises that beaver be forwarded as early as possible. Encloses valuation of recent consignment of deer skins. Stock of deer skins is now 37,000. Describes deer skins sold to London dressers. Home trade is pretty well supplied at present. Rows are going to offer some of Hotte's skins at auction. Encloses no. 4625. 3p. 4636

June 13 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re error in bill for blankets. Annex memorandum concerning quantity and quality of French blankets. Report of sale of deer skins is not encouraging. Tells of plans for forwarding skins and furs. 1p. (French) 4637

June 13 — Pittsburgh — From Francois Ronand

Encloses bill of lading for furs and deer skins. 1p. 4638

June 14 — New York — To C. A. Harris, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington

Re Rolette's claim under the Ottawa and Chippewa treaty. Request information where licenses may be obtained to trade in the extreme upper Mississippi district. Agent of Crow Wing River district could not be found in 1837. L.B.C. 8:28 4639

June 14 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit

Hopes the resumption of specie payment will improve financial affairs in the lake country. Has shipped packs to Lampson. The Leipzig fair has turned out badly. Regrets that foxes and raccoons were not sold. Discussion of furs purchased by the Company. Hopes Hotte and Oppenheim are persuaded of the futility of their rivalry. Is pleased with Hunt's activity. Indian treaties have been ratified. Discusses the supply of muskrats. L.B.C. 8:29-31 4640

June 14 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Discussion of letters received from the Company. 1p. 4641

June 15 — Liverpool — From Brown & Co.

Acknowledge receipt of letter regarding deer skins. Lampson has also written on the same subject. 1p. 4642

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- June 15 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Discussion of the prospects for filling order for rac-  
coons. Re drafts. L.B.C. 8:32 4643
- June 15 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Discussion of shipments received via New Orleans and via  
Pittsburgh. Has sold elk skins. Mentions Loubat's offer to  
supply French blankets. Re unfavorable reports from Leipsic.  
Will be pleased to have samples of blankets and cloths for  
western trade. Annexes memorandum of damaged skins. L.B.C.  
8:33-34 4644
- June 15 — New York — To Lacy & Reynolds, London  
Discussion of sample guns and of the price. Will send  
order for some guns in 1839. L.B.C. 8:35 4645
- June 15 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of drafts. Re shipment of furs. L.B.C. 8:40 4646
- June 16 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Packing account of furs sent June 15 is enclosed. Pro-  
portion of staged skins is not so great as in former years.  
Has bought all skins marketed. lp. 4647
- June 16 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
Regrets unfavorable results of the Leipsic fair. Details  
of skins purchased by the Company and the prices paid. Can  
sell poor raccoons in Lower Canada. Details of extravagant  
prices paid for furs by rivals of the Company. Gives total  
purchases made by Hotte and Oppenheim. Describes certain col-  
lections obtained by Hotte. Opponents have had little success  
in the interior. L.B.C. 8:36-39 4648
- June 18 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Details of the method he used to invoice deer skins;  
suitability for the London market. Is glad that Crooks is buy-  
ing New York skins. Details of Hotte's letter to Walker. lp. 4649
- June 18 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of shipment of robes, furs and deer skins and two  
sample blankets. Discusses quality of robes. Exchange is lower.  
lp. (French) 4650
- June 19 — New York — To Daniel Webster, Washington  
Regrets serious financial disarrangements of the times.  
Is unable to give Webster further credit. Hopes to receive  
payment at an early date. L.B.C. 8:41-42 4651
- June 19 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
Sailing schedule of English vessels needs readjustment.



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Is pleased that the Leipsic fair terminated somewhat favorably. Regrets that even shapper competition was not given Hotte. The Company will take steps to secure 1839 returns. Tells of Brewster's success in the Detroit region. Discusses market conditions. Coalition of collectors is entirely impracticable. Is grateful for Lampson's opinion on all matters of trade. Encloses invoices and bills of lading for skins and furs shipped. Details the time of shipping certain skins. Maps sent by Lampson are entirely satisfactory. L.B.C. 8:43-49 4652

June 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has found invoice for hardware sent by Cutler. Re accounts. Has shipped furs and skins to Lampson. L.B.C. 8:50 4653

June 19 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
The "Astor" has arrived with fish. Has sent furs. lp. 4654

June 19 -- Noblesville -- From George Hunt  
Drafts to \$5000 have been given Connor Stephenson & Cole. Hunt's \$8000 collection was sent to Brewster. lp. 4655

June 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Re order for additional blankets. Re prices of blankets and various qualities. Cannot give orders to Loubat due to previous disappointments. lp. (French) 4656

June 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Samuel C. Stambaugh  
Stambaugh will go to New York at once. Hopes to make some arrangement about a supply of Indian goods for St. Peters. lp. 4657

June 19 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter  
Re goods shipped to Abbott, Mitchell, Franchere and Brewster. Have forwarded furs to the Company. Had difficulty in shipping powder. 2p. 4658

June 19 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Must have power-of-attorney in order to represent the Company's claims against the estate of Beausoliel, Vallee & Co. lp. 4659

June 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of good quality of deer skins. Have received guns and beads. lp. (French) 4660

June 21 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Discusses otters sold by the Company for Lampson. The prospects for higher prices for otters for next year are good. Is very gratified that the Company has been so successful in opposition to Hotte. Nothing can save Hotte from serious loss on his deer skins, most of which have been sent direct to the

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continent. Advises the Company not to give the high price asked by Root & Leonard. Describes sale of Powell's musquash at miserably low prices. 3p. 4661

June 22 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin Clapp  
Would have paid lower prices had he seen Lampson's letter sooner. Skins are to be kept out of the London fall sales unless prices exceed those of last spring. Lampson is to be told that raccoons will be one third of the 1837 crops. Regrets that Hoette bought skins. Wishes full information about and a copy of the Saginaw treaty. Muskrats will be unprofitable until used for hats. Draft to pay for Ohio money. 1p. 4662

June 22 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Discussion of filling order for blankets. Will be glad to have sample of imitation French blankets. Details of incomplete carrying out of the resumption of specie payment. Details of accounts. L.B.O. 8:51-53 4663

June 22 -- Gerogetown, D.C. -- From Directress of Academy of Visitation  
Details of the use of funds for Virginia Rolette. 1p. 4664

June 22 -- Washington -- From Daniel Webster  
Requests more time for payment of debt to the Company. Has property but finds infinite difficulty in getting money. 1p. 4665

June 22 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re contents of letters from Crooks. 1p. 4666

June 23 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Encloses printed copy of the Company's charter to be certified by the Secretary of State and then forwarded to Vallée, Boyer & Co. L.B.O. 8:54 4667

June 23 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Will forward copy of the Company's charter. Re certain funds due Crooks. L.B.O. 8:55 4668

June 23 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Details of accounts. Will forward order for hardware promptly. L.B.O. 8:56 4669

June 23 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
Is pleased that powder has been forwarded to Green Bay. Is pleased with attention given to the Company's business. Skins must be forwarded without delay. Details of accounts. L.B.O. 8:57-58 4670

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June 23 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Re drafts. Hopes Ewing can be persuaded to sell his skins. Details of proposal to ship Ewing's skins, if they cannot be purchased. Skins have arrived in good order. Newberry has reported Brewster's success, in getting nearly all the skins in the Detroit region. Hotté has paid ruinous prices for skins. Re the sale of otters and muskrats. Crooks will be delayed in setting out for the lake region, due to business at Washington. L.B.C. 8:59-61. 4671

June 23 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Has no memorandum of goods needed by Lawe. Indian treaties have been ratified; this will supply funds for Western and Northern Outfits. Regrets that Biddle would not sell his skins. Crooks will go to Washington soon. Annexes invoice of oxhide shoes from Montreal. Is pleased that new schooner progresses so well. L.B.C. 8:62 4672

June 23 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Encloses invoices of stoves and leather goods from Montreal. Encloses account current of Capt. Stanard with the Company. Indian treaties have been ratified. Half-breeds will be paid at Lapointe. Will forward additional goods likely to be needed for trade. Crooks will not reach Lapointe before August. Urges careful attention to the Company's business. Expects the new schooner to be ready in July. The prospects abroad for furs are favorable. L.B.C. 8:63-64 4673

June 23 -- New York -- To William A. Aitken, Lapointe

Chippewa treaty has been ratified. Aitken's claim will be paid in full. L.B.C. 8:65 4674

June 23 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchère, Sault Ste. Marie

Will give attention to Ermatinger's draft. Is pleased that the work advances on the new schooner. L.B.C. 8:66 4675

June 23 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 8:67 4676

June 23 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London

Re raccoons on the way from Detroit. Brewster's collection will be shipped as soon as possible. Describes Hotté's boasting concerning his plans. The Company will pursue only honorable competition. L.B.C. 8:68-69 4677

June 23 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot

Re payment of certain bill. Major Garland will be entrusted to pay Rolette's claims in Detroit. lp. 4678

June 25 -- New York -- To William C. House, Lockport, New York

Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 8:70 4679

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- June 25 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses copy of account with Beausoliel, Vallée & Co. and power of attorney for Boyer to act for the Company. Encloses Ermatinger's draft to be collected. L.B.C. 8:71 4680
- June 25 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Sub-treasury bill is being debated; its fate is most uncertain. lp. 4681
- June 25 -- War Department, Office Indian Affairs -- From C. A. Harris  
Allowance on Rolette's claim under the Ottawa and Chippewa treaty of 1836 is \$6300. By instructions of the Secretary of War, Major Garland has been directed to pay at Detroit the amounts forwarded for claimants under this treaty. Crooks's request that certain sums be remitted to New York cannot be granted. If agent for the Crow Wing River District cannot be communicated with conveniently, licenses to trade at Sandy Lake and other posts towards the sources of the Mississippi can be procured on application to Gov. Dodge, Superintendent of Indian Affairs at Mineral Point, Wisconsin Territory. lp. 4682
- June 26 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Desires transportation by the speediest line. Re terms offered by Leech & Co. to transport skins and robes. L.B.C. 8:72 4683
- June 26 -- Philadelphia -- J. O'Gennor [?] & Co. to the Company  
Annex bill of lading for deer skins. Transportation was difficult, due to flood along the route. lp. 4684
- June 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re skins damaged in shipment. Details of skins shipped via Pittsburgh. Re drafts. Robes have been received from the Platte. lp. (French) 4685
- June 26 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re drafts and notes. lp. 4686
- June 27 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Supplies have arrived. Warren is at Isle Royal. Re furs forwarded. Expects the returns to be much less than last year. lp. 4687
- June 27 -- New York -- To C. A. Harris, Washington  
Discussion of plan to obtain licenses to trade, if the Crow Wing River agent is not at his post. L.B.C. 8:73 4688
- June 27 -- New York -- To Directress of Academy of Visitation, Georgetown, D.C.  
Will remit funds for the school expenses of Virginia Rolette. L.B.C. 8:74 4689

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June 27 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Encloses draft for Academy of Visitation to pay the school expenses of Virginia Rolette. Major Garland will pay at Detroit certain claims under the Chippewa and Ottawa treaty. L.B.C. 8:75 4690

June 27 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Woolens are likely to advance. Details of care in manufacturing blankets. lp. 4691

June 27 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Statement of furs shipped to New York. Received letter from Crooks enclosing copy of American Fur Co.'s charter; had it certified by the Secretary of State and then forwarded it to Vallee, Boyer & Co. lp. 4692

June 29 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Shipment of furs and skins; Franchere furs included; examination was necessary. Suggestions as to where to sell deer. Last shipment in time for the London sale. 29,752 raccoons were sent in 1838; sufficient; good policy to dispose of a few skins at a high price. lp. 4693

June 29 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Discussion of Rows' auction of deer skins. Annexes assortment and valuation of shipment of skins. Details of errors in accounts. Is much pleased that Hotte has been thwarted in the interior. 3p. 4694

June 29 -- Lockport, New York -- From William C. House  
Encloses protested draft. lp. 4695

June 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. lp. (French) 4696

June 30 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for furs shipped. Total purchases exceed the Company's expectations. Regrets that Hotte obtained certain skins. Business continues very dull. L.B.C. 8:76-77 4697

June 30 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re furs shipped to Lampson. Has ordered goods from Henry & Co. Details of drafts. L.B.C. 8:78-79 4698

June 30 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Encloses check in payment of skins. Encloses drafts to be accepted. L.B.C. 8:80-81 4699

June 30 -- New York -- To G. A. Harris, Washington  
Encloses power of attorney from Warren for his claim under the Chippewa and Winnebago treaties. Requests proceeds to be

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- remitted to the Company. L.B.C. 8:81 4700
- June 30 -- New York -- To Samuel Flewelling, Cashier National Bank  
 Directions for paying certain liabilities of the Company, amounting to \$35,934.71. L.B.C. 8:82 4701
- June 30 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
 Re packages to be forwarded to Abbott. L.B.C. 8:83 4702
- June 30 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
 Details of guns that may be needed by the Company. L.B.C. 8:84 4703
- June 30 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
 Annexes invoice for stove which has been forwarded. Crooks will visit Washington to obtain information about the terms of the new treaties. Will fill order for additional goods. L.B.C. 8:85 4704
- June 30 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Will honor drafts. Details of errors in account with Loubat for French blankets. Delay of skins was due to break in the Pennsylvania Canal. Thinks the Ohio Canal route is preferable. L.B.C. 8:86-87 4705
- June 30 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
 Will forward order for English goods. Will consult Loubat about filling order for French blankets. L.B.C. 8:88 4706
- June 30 -- New York -- To O'Connor & Co., Philadelphia  
 Discussion of delay in transporting skins from Pittsburgh. L.B.C. 8:89 4707
- June 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
 Approves Brewster's method of sorting deer skins. Returns of raccoons will be less than in 1837. Will provide for Hunt's drafts. Directions to collect claims of Rolette and Hamelin to be paid by Major Garland. L.B.C. 8:90 4708
- June 30 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Re drafts drawn. Expect some funds from annuities due the Indians of the lower Missouri. 1p. (French) 4709
- June 30 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
 Has purchased furs. Packing account of furs and castoreum is enclosed. Describes Newberry's operations; will try to get his skins. Is pleased that Lampson thinks the prospects for the fall sales are so good. Competitors are used up. Compares returns of 1837 and 1838. 1p. 4710

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- June 30 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Re efforts to aid Crooks's brother hindered by Webster's  
objection based on international law. lp. 4711
- June 30 -- War Department, Office Indian Affairs -- From C. A.  
Harris  
A rule requires that an agent shall not grant a license  
to trade beyond the limits of his own agency. The superinten-  
dent may grant them within his superintendency. lp. 4712
- June 30 -- Canton -- From Russell, Sturgis & Co.  
Prices of skins are low. Advise the Company not to send  
any more skins this season. The proceeds from furs will be  
invested in tea as directed. lp. 4713
- June 30 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Gives legal requirements in connection with claims against  
Beausoliel, Vallee & Co. lp. 4714
- June 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose abstract of the Company's account current for the  
last six months. [Not enclosed.] lp. 4715
- June 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re contents of letters from Crooks. lp. 4716
- July 1 -- New York -- From Jacot, Smith, Bryce & Jones  
Acknowledge receipt of order for 300 Northwest guns to be  
delivered in New York, Jan. 1839. lp. 4717
- July 1 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter  
Details of change in agency of transportation line at  
Portsmouth. Have forwarded furs and skins. lp. 4718
- July 2 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Annexes receipt from Sisters of the Visitation for the  
expenses of Miss Rolette. lp. 4719
- July 2 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Return accepted drafts of Van Winkle & Randall. Enclose  
check in payment of furs. lp. 4720
- July 2 -- New York -- From Frederick Gebhardt & Co.  
Mr. de Belligny of Lyons intends to tour the United States  
and desires to see the Indians of the West. Ask for letters to  
Detroit and St. Louis for Belligny. lp. 4721
- July 2 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Certain accounts have not arrived. Illness has prevented  
personal supervision of packing. Re Stambaugh's character;  
describes trouble with paymaster about draft. Stambaugh drew  
accession to garrison. Has withdrawn from all posts except at

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Lac qui Parle, Traverse des Sioux and Little Rapids. Has stopped credit to the Indians. Requests accounts of Outfits for 1834 and 1835 be closed. Sends memorandum of requirements for the winter's trade. 4p. 4722

July 3 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Return of the "Astor" with 531 barrels of fish and 31 packs of furs. Order for goods. 1p. 4723

July 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Await impatiently payment by government. Fear accident in Pennsylvania Canal will delay shipment of furs. 1p. (French) 4724

July 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Wish to know plan of Crooks's journey to the West. Discussion concerning drawing of drafts. Have shipped robes. 1p. (French) 4725

July 4 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Annex invoice for imitation French blankets. 1p. 4726

July 4 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Describes rifles on hand. Flood carried away part of the dam; will delay work. 1p. 4727

July 4 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Lampson has no doubt this year's business will result satisfactorily. Supply of red fox is much less than in 1837. Hopes to obtain an order from Canton for red fox. It is very difficult to sell common deer skins without loss. Re shipments of fine skins received. 2p. 4728

July 4 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re offer of robes on account of Beausoliel, Vallée & Co. 1p. 4729

July 5 -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell  
Encloses packing account of furs shipped July 5, care of Treat & Carter. Powder has not yet been received. Stove has arrived. 1p. 4730

July 5 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter  
Regret delay of furs on way to New York. The canal has been very low. Have forwarded another lot of furs. 1p. 4731

July 5 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have accepted bill referred to in Crooks's letter. 1p. 4732

July 6 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Brewster has reported decline in returns of raccoons and



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bears. Will forward skins on hand. Brewster's collections are late in arriving. L.B.C. 8:91 4733

July 6 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re skins to be forwarded. Have drawn draft. L.B.C. 8:92 4734

July 6 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses account current. Requests remittance. Wishes to know Bates's plans about robes for next season. L.B.C. 8:93 4735

July 6 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Encloses copies of treaties recently confirmed. Appropriations for treaties passed the House July 5. lp. 4736

July 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. Could not bargain with Powell, Lamont & Co. for beavers and robes from the Arkansas. Powell's have forwarded these to Boston. Suggest that the Company compete in the Boston market. lp. (French) 4737

July 6 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Re failure to have furs forwarded. Furs are safe in the warehouse. lp. 4738

July 7 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Biddle and Drew will sell furs to the Company. Received the shoes ordered. Received 10 packs from Juneau. Further order for the store. [Not enclosed]. James is at Mackinac. Abbott will go to Green Bay soon. lp. 4739

July 7 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. lp. 4740

July 7 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Has shipped goods for Lawe. Re goods to be supplied to Lawe by Abbott. Crooks has just returned from Washington and will soon depart for the lake region. L.B.C. 8:94 4741

July 8 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Re claim of Aitken under the Chippewa treaty. lp. 4742

July 9 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Presentation of Crooks's draft on Garland. Purchased small lot of Ohio furs. Will probably buy many skins in warehouse. None of Hunt's purchases have come in. lp. 4743

July 9 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Re order for wrapping papers. lp. 4744

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- July 9 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for furs and skins shipped. Will ship additional skins for the autumn sale. No more skins are offered in the New York market; the season of purchasing is over. L.B.C. 8:95-96 4745
- July 9 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re skins and furs shipped and draft drawn. L.B.C. 8:97 4746
- July 9 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Is gratified at having his suggestions carried out in relation to fur operations in New York. Discussion of Hotte's position. Details of plans for autumn sale. Statement of stock on hand. Re quantity of red fox imported from the states. Considers Hotte as an extremely mean character. Re Sargent Sons' desire to supply guns to the Company. 3p. 4747
- July 9 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter  
Re furs received from Franchere and forwarded to the Company. Will forward goods to Abbott. lp. 4748
- July 9 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Will protect bills drawn by the Company. lp. 4749
- July 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Fear loss on skins delayed by accident on Pennsylvania Canal. Returns from the upper Missouri are delayed; have received robes from the Platte. Re drafts. lp. (French) 4750
- July 11 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
Details of delay of St. Louis skins along the Pennsylvania Canal. Gives freight rates from St. Louis to New York by the various routes. Re goods to be forwarded to Brewster. L.B.C. 8:98 4751
- July 11 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Discusses certain items in accounts. The Company will approve any arrangement made by Boyer in settling with Beausoliel Vallée & Co. Encloses account current. L.B.C. 8:99-100 4752
- July 11 -- New York -- To Rankin & Co., Newark  
Encloses draft from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. in payment of certain claim. L.B.C. 8:101 4753
- July 11 -- New York -- To Archer, Huron County, Ohio  
Discussion of prospects of employing Archer again. L.B.C. 8:102 4754
- July 11 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Have possession of 244 robes from Beausoliel, Vallée & Co. Details of drafts. 2p. 4755

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- July 11 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re letter received from Crooks. 1p. 4756
- July 12 — New York — To Alphonse Loubat, Present  
Re order for French blankets. Delivery of previous orders after date agreed upon has caused some orders to be sent to England. L.B.C. 8:103 4757
- July 12 — New York — To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Details of order for blankets and other woollens. If sample imitation of French blankets is satisfactory, no more orders will be sent to France. Re quality of goods wanted. L.B.C. 8:104-105 4758
- July 12 — New York — To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Encloses order for goods. Must have good quality of materials. L.B.C. 8:106 4759
- July 12 — New York — To Lacy & Reynolds, London  
Re order for Northwest guns. L.B.C. 8:107 4760
- July 12 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
Details of furs and skins delayed in transportation. Has ordered guns from Lacy & Reynolds. Congress has adjourned without giving the country any relief. L.B.C. 8:108 4761
- July 12 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re settling account with Gotts. Describes goods ordered from Sheffield and Leeds. Re directions for shipment of goods from Liverpool. L.B.C. 8:109-110 4762
- July 12 — New York — To Jacot, Smith, Bryce & Jones, Present  
Encloses order for northwest guns which must be delivered at specified date. Hopes to have reduction in price of guns but quality must be maintained. L.B.C. 8:111 4763
- July 13 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses A. Wendell's draft on collector of New York for \$2500. 1p. 4764
- July 13 — New York — To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 8:112 4765
- July 13 — New York — To William C. House, Lockport, New York  
Is grateful for attention to a certain draft. L.B.C. 8:113 4766
- July 13 — New York — To Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Encloses note to be collected. Requests remittance on account. L. B.C. 8:114 4767

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July 13 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works

The Company did not receive the government contract for rifles. Will need small quantity of Lancaster pattern rifles later. L.B.C. 8:115 4768

July 13 -- New York -- To O'Connor & Co., Philadelphia

Discussion of delay in transporting skins. Re errors in freight bill. Directions for correcting bill of lading. L.B.C. 8:116-117 4769

July 13 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Regrets lack of transportation on Pennsylvania canal. Discussion of re-shipping furs and skins via Portsmouth to Buffalo as it is important to have them for shipment. Unfair freight rates were charged by O'Connor & Co. Directions for bills of lading. Requests that skins in storage be examined. L.B.C. 8:118-120 4770

July 13 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse

Hopes the government will give him the balance of payment by Monday. lp. 4771

July 14 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Has received catalog of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Is pleased that prices for beaver are higher. Has noted the hopeless prospects for muskrats. Will forward deer skins. L.B.C. 8:121 4772

July 14 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Has advised Lampson about the sale of raccoons. Regrets that Newberry did not permit the Company to ship his furs. Hopes Newberry will abandon the trade next season. Approves of Brewster's waiting to receive Treasury notes from Garland in payment of certain claims. Is alarmed about Hunt's purchases coming in so slowly. Details of drafts. Will forward copies of Indian treaties. Crooks had a satisfactory meeting with Harris. L.B.C. 8:122-124 4773

July 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received information concerning shipments; greatly fear losses due to delays. lp. (French) 4774

July 15 -- Defiance -- From George Hunt

Has 190 packs from Wabash country on the way and 40 from Defiance; details of the latter. His collection will be at Detroit by July 25. lp. 4775

July 15 -- New York -- From Alphonse Loubat

Re blankets received; the remainder of the blankets has been shipped. lp. 4776

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- July 16 -- Madison, New Jersey -- To John B. Whetten  
Sickness necessitates delay. Encloses note for immediate presentation. Encloses letter to Flewelling asking payment of debts. Directions for making payments due. Bearer of the letter carries key to the safe draw containing papers of Astor-Whetten stock case. Instructions. Details of treatment of Detroit skins for export. 2p. 4777
- July 16 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
The Secretary of Treasury wishes to send "us" to St. Louis; hopes to go to New York. 1p. 4778
- July 17 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Overrode the Secretary of Treasury and got funds in the East; gives amounts received. 1p. 4779
- July 17 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Discuss accounts. C. O. Ermatinger has not paid his draft. Wish to purchase raccoons. 1p. 4780
- July 18 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Encloses duplicate of order for goods. Business continues exceedingly languid. L.B.C. 8:125 4781
- July 18 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Will forward Detroit and Lake Superior skins. Small sales were made. The prospects for early revival of trade are not bright. The new banking law is sound. L.B.C. 8:127 4782
- July 18 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Encloses duplicate of order for goods. L.B.C. 8:128 4783
- July 18 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Encloses draft for collection. Encloses no. 4799. 1p. 4784
- July 18 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
The prospects are good for deer skin sale. Hotté received skins by the last ship. Is much gratified that musquash can be sold. Beaver cutters are having dull times. 2p. 4785
- July 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Have received bill of lading from the Company; boxes have not arrived. Re robes forwarded. 2p. 4786
- July 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for robes. 1p. 4787
- July 19 -- New York -- To Daniel Webster, Boston  
Crooks has been disappointed in not receiving remittance from Webster. Must have conclusive answer at an early date. L.B.C. 8:129 4788

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- July 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Is grateful to have prompt approval of new arrangements  
about accounts. L.B.C. 8:130 4789
- July 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for furs and deer skins, Discussion of  
quality of this shipment. Re skins in storage at Pittsburgh.  
L.B.C. 8:131-132 4790
- July 19 -- New York -- To Lacy & Reynolds, London  
Has forwarded sample northwest gun from Birmingham.  
States prices. L.B.C. 8:133 4791
- July 19 -- Baltimore -- From Lloyd M. Rogers  
Details of certain mortgage. Re negotiations about this  
mortgage. 3p. 4792
- July 19 -- London -- From Wildes & Co.  
Circular announcing that they are now prepared to dis-  
charge all claims without further delay. lp. 4793
- July 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn on demand of Pratte & Halsey. lp.  
(French) 4794
- July 19 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have informed A. & S. Henry about draft. Will protect  
bills referred to in Crooks's letter. lp. 4795
- July 20 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 8:134 4796
- July 20 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Has received remittance from Treasury Department. L.B.C.  
8:135 4797
- July 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re order for vermillion, tinsel, lace, bright ribbons.  
Will ship robes. Re draft and Treasury Warrant. lp. (French)  
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- July 20 -- Prairie du Chien --  
Draft enclosed for collection. Enclosed in no. 4784.  
lp. 4799
- July 20 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Personal recommendation of servant of Baraga and request  
that Crooks will secure his passage to Trieste. The "Crooks"  
has departed with 700 barrels of fish. lp. 4800
- July 21 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of trouble with owners of Ohio skins in warehouse;

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skins bought by Abbott. Bought skins from O. Newberry & Co. Garland will pay draft when remittance comes. Will send small purchases next week. Hunt in Detroit; details locations of his furs; competed with the Ewings. Refused to accept wildcat money for payment of Tratebas' draft on Wendell. 2p. 4501

July 21 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Discussion of contract awarded by government for Indian goods. Re quantity of goods needed to comply with the requirements of various treaties. Will send copies of treaties. The Company will not send any robes to Boston, unless Pratte, Chouteau & Co. are determined to undersell Powell, Lamont & Co. Considers competition in this matter to be a bad policy. Discussion of robe market. Details of delay of skins en route from Pittsburgh. Ronald's management of business is highly unsatisfactory. Details of accounts. Re efforts to collect funds from Webster. L.B.C. 5:136-140 4502

July 21 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Will fill order for wrapping paper soon. L.B.C. 5:141 4503

July 21 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Re securing certain goods ordered by Sibley as fast as possible. Discusses routes. 1p. 4504

July 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Exchange is very low. Enclose drafts to be collected. 1p. 4505

July 22 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Replies concerning commissioners: 1. Chippewas of Wisconsin. Gov. Dodge or such other person as he may appoint. Payments to be at Crow Wing and Lapointe. Gov. Dodge is to control the business. One half of the money sent to Garland at Detroit and one half to Hitchcock at St. Louis. 2. Chippewas of Saginaw. Commissioner has not yet been appointed. Business is not to be done before September. 3. Sioux of the Mississippi. Judge Pear of Hartford, Conn. and Gen. Ewing of Illinois to meet at Fort Snelling, Aug. 25. 4. Winnebagoes. Gen. Cameron of Pennsylvania and Mr. Hardenburg to meet at the Prairie Aug. 20. Details of family affairs. 3p. 4506

July 23 -- Montreal -- From Louis Boyer  
Has arranged with C. O. Ermatinger about his note. Beau-soliel, Vallee & Co. are trying to compromise with their creditors at 5 shillings per pound sterling; advises the Company not to accept this. 1p. 4507

July 23 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has received proceeds of certain draft. L.B.C. 5:142 4508

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- July 23 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
Annexes statement of account. Requests remittance at once. L.B.C. 8:143 4809
- July 23 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
Has advised sending furs via Portsmouth to Buffalo. Desires definite statement of freight rates from Portsmouth to New York. Re goods to be forwarded to Abbott. L.B.C. 8:144 4810
- July 23 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Crooks expects to leave at once for the lake region. Prefers that Biddle & Drew hold their skins until Crooks arrives. Encloses invoice for goods shipped. L.B.C. 8:145 4811
- July 23 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay  
Re shipment of powder from Buffalo. Wishes packs to be forwarded promptly. L.B.C. 8:146 4812
- July 23 -- Detroit -- From Charles H. Stuart (Rolette's attorney)  
Rolette's claim has been allowed. Wishes to collect fee from Rolette. Details of his right to a fee. 3p. 4813
- July 23 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Encloses bill of lading for skins and furs and Gen. Bratnot's trunk. lp. 4814
- July 23 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Re correction ~~in~~ transportation charges. lp. 4815
- July 23 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Encloses bill of lading for furs and skins. Re robes damaged on steamboat. lp. 4816
- July 23 -- Canton -- From Russell, Sturgis & Co.  
No furs in market at present; parcels arriving would bring good prices. lp. 4817
- July 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of drafts and checks. lp. 4818
- July 24 -- New York -- To Charles O. Ermatinger, Montreal  
Re the importance of payment of drafts drawn by George Ermatinger. L.B.C. 8:147 4819
- July 24 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Is grateful that Boyer has obtained some robes from Beau-soliel, Vallée & Co. Crooks encloses letter for C. O. Ermatinger concerning payment of drafts. Has no raccoons at present. L.B.C. 8:148-149 4820



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- July 24 -- New York -- To O'Connor & Co., Philadelphia  
Requests information at once concerning skins delayed  
along the Pennsylvania canal. L.B.C. 8:150 4821
- July 24 -- New York -- To Parson & Hurd, Schenectady  
Re old account of overcharge for transportation of pel-  
tries. Desires settlement of account. L.B.C. 8:151 4822
- July 24 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Furs and skins have arrived in good order. Packing is  
exceedingly inaccurate. Annexes note of discrepancies. De-  
tails of drafts. Encloses invoice of treaty goods. Expects  
Dodge to be commissioner on half-breed claims at Lapointe.  
Skins and fish should be forwarded early. Encloses copies of  
Chippewa treaty. L.B.C. 8:153 4823
- July 24 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe  
Warren's claim under the Chippewa treaty has been paid.  
Has forwarded additional goods for half-breeds. L.B.C. 8:154 4824
- July 24 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Re accounts. Annexes statement of supplies shipped in the  
spring of 1838. Fears poor management of business. Encloses  
copies of Chippewa treaty; rivals should not be allowed to see  
treaty. Advises that George Ermatinger's drafts should not be  
taken. L.B.C. 8:155-156 4825
- July 24 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Crooks desires to settle everything equitably and amicably  
with Western Outfit. Details of commissioners appointed to  
execute Indian treaties. Part of Chippewa settlement will take  
place at Crow Wing River and the remainder at Lapointe. Mit-  
chell has forwarded peltries. Encloses accounts of 1835 and  
1836. Has sent copies of treaties. L.B.C. 8:161-162 4826
- July 25 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Packing account of furs and castorum enclosed. Brig on  
the way to Buffalo for salt and certain packages. Brig would  
have got 600 barrels more of fish had the "Astor" arrived, be-  
fore she left. lp. 4827
- July 25 -- New York -- From John Catlin  
Details of dividend due on stock and discussion about  
settling account with the Company. 2p. 4828
- July 25 -- New York -- From John Catlin  
Directs that dividends on his stock be used to settle  
account with the Company. lp. 4829
- July 25 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Board of Directors has appointed Stephen A. Halsey Presi-

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dent pro tem. during Crooks's absence in the lake country. Halsey will have all powers and authority of the president. L.B.C. 8:157 4830

July 25 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Approves of changes in dyeing certain blankets. Will pay extra for bleaching with acid. Stephen A. Halsey will be president pro tem. during Crooks's absence. L.B.C. 8:158 4831

July 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re error in invoice for skins. Exportation of common deer skins to London may exceed that of 1837 but excess will not make good the deficit in better qualities. Halsey will be president pro tem. during Crooks's absence. L.B.C. 8:159 4832

July 25 -- New York -- To Lyon, Chesebro & Co., Albany  
Encloses copy of account. Gives exchange rates. L.B.C. 8:160 4833

July 25 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Dousman's claims under the Winnebago treaty have been paid. L.B.C. 8:163 4834

July 25 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. Crooks will be absent several months in the Indian country. L.B.C. 8:165 4835

July 25 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Sault Ste. Marie  
Gov. Dodge has charge of the execution of the Chippewa treaty. Payment will be made at Crow Wing River and Lapointe. Re the importance of Northern Outfit not neglecting interests at Crow Wing. Only government property and officials should be allowed to go to Lapointe on the Company's vessels. Encloses letter for Warren. L.B.C. 8:166 4836

July 25 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
Cannot pay account at present. Very unfortunate in business. lp. 4837

July 25 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Sons  
Enclose check for balance of account. Statement of account. lp. 4838

July 26 -- Philadelphia -- From O'Connor & Co.  
Have made out bill for exact weight of package of merchandise. lp. 4839

July 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of funds collected on drafts. Wish Crooks a safe trip to the Indian country. Request direct order to London about proceeds of deer skins. lp. 4840

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- July 27 — New York — To Joseph Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Is grateful for payment of balance of account. L.B.C. 8:  
167 4841
- July 27 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
Directions to pay proceeds from the sale of deer skins to  
Brown & Co., Liverpool. L.B.C. 8:168 4842
- July 27 — New York — To Brown & Co., Liverpool  
Will give Lampson formal order to pay certain funds to  
Brown & Co. as requested by Siter, Price & Co. L.B.C. 8:168  
4843
- July 27 — New York — To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has sent order concerning funds as desired by Lampson.  
Encloses copy. L.B.C. 8:169 4844
- July 27 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of Sioux and upper Missouri robes. Boats from  
Mackinac have not yet arrived. Re drafts. 1p. (French) 4845
- July 27 — Philadelphia — From Abel Wyman  
Wishes to know the prices and terms of sale of robes. 1p.  
4846
- July 28 — New York — To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Advises payment of money borrowed from Bank of Michigan by  
arrangement with Brewster who has funds current in Michigan.  
L.B.C. 8:170 4847
- July 28 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Fears sale of robes will not be satisfactory, due to gen-  
eral business depression. Rivals will undersell the Company, in  
order to close the current year's business. Advises forwarding  
only part of the robes. Advises restraining the Indians in  
hunting buffaloes. Desires precise instructions about robes  
shipped. Halsey has been appointed president pro tem. L.B.C.  
8:171-173 4848
- July 28 — New York — To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Has received Aitken's power of attorney. Cannot tell in  
what form of money the government will pay the claim. Crooks  
expects to leave July 29 for the lakes. L.B.C. 8:174-175 4849
- July 28 — New York — To Louis Boyer, Montreal  
Discusses agreement with Beausoliel, Vallee & Co. about  
robes and expectation of receiving full payment. L.B.C. 8:176  
4850
- July 28 — New York — To Francis Ronand, Pittsburgh  
Has received bills of lading for furs, skins and robes.  
O'Connor & Co. have corrected freight bill. L.B.C. 8:177 4851

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July 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

The Company is disappointed in the quantity of Hunt's collection. Ewing may find out he might as well let raccoons alone. Details of drafts. Expects Brewster to triumph over rivals in 1839. Re Lampson's report on fur market. L.B.C. 8: 178-179 4852

July 30 -- New York -- To Lyman M. Warren, Lapointe

Payments under the Chippewa treaty will be made at Lapointe and Crow Wing River. Warren must arrange at once to protect the Company's interests at both places. Government agents should be given accommodations at Lapointe. L.B.C. 8:180 4853

July 30 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Discussion of difficulties in planning for disposal of robes. Crooks will go to Boston to see Bates concerning robes. The Company estimates that not more than 40,000 robes can be sold. L.B.C. 8:181 4854

July 30 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Will have deer skin sale July 31. Purchase of Root & Leonard's skins by the Company a hard bargain. Re quantity of deer skins on hand. Hotte's skins will be offered again. lp. 4855

July 31 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Discussion of results of deer skin sale. lp. 4856

July 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Will ship skins received from the Mississippi region. L.B.C. 8:182 4857

July 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Is pleased that Lampson is satisfied with the Company's operations against German adversaries. Is gratified with the results of the sale of inferior deer skins. The Company has succeeded well in the entire operations of the season. Re muskrat situation. Discussion of prices for otters. The Pennsylvania canal is reopened and skins are arriving. Wabash collections reach Brewster slowly. L.B.C. 8:186 4858

July 31 -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell (per D. Butler)

Has forwarded in care of Treat & Carter 137 packs of furs. Has retained 46 packs to dry; will send them later. Encloses packing account for 183 packs. lp. 4859

July 31 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter

Have receipt for delivery of goods to Abbott. Re furs and skins forwarded to the Company. Will forward goods to the Lakes as directed. Details of transportation rates on the Ohio Canal for furs and skins. Ohio River is very low. Have received salt from Burnet. 3p. 4860

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Aug. -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell (per D. Butler)  
Has shipped 71 packs of furs in care of Treat & Carter,  
Buffalo. Encloses packing account of 24 packs. lp. 4861

Aug. 1 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Discussion of various qualities of otters. Encloses note  
to be collected. L.B.C. 8:186 4862

Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Robinson & Co., Albany  
Annexes statement of account. Will honor draft for the  
balance. L.B.C. 8:187 4863

Aug. 1 -- New York -- To John H. Kinzie, Chicago  
Encloses deed for plot of ground in Mackinac. L.B.C. 8:  
188 4864

Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Bates has declined doing anything in robes. Details of  
terms of arrangement made with Center & Sons and Halsey con-  
cerning robes of various kinds and qualities. Pratte, Chouteau  
& Co. should not send more than 30,000 robes east of Pitts-  
burgh. Directions about contents of packs. The Company will  
hold any surplus of robes that Pratte, Chouteau & Co. wish to  
ship to New York. Has decided to sell at lower prices rather  
than keep robes on hand. Details of quantity of robes on the  
market for 1838. Crooks did not succeed in seeing Webster in  
Boston. Packs detained along the Pennsylvania Canal and at  
Pittsburgh were not badly damaged. Advises future shipments  
via Portsmouth. Lampson considers market conditions favorable.  
Annexes statements of robes on hand, July 30, 1838. L.B.C. 8:  
189-195 4865

Aug. 1 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Details of arrangements for paying award made by the trea-  
ty of St. Peter's for Peter Chouteau, Jr. lp. 4866

Aug. 1 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re goods forwarded to St. Louis. Details of delayed  
steamers and extra charges. lp. 4867

Aug. 1 -- Dubuque -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Discussion of family funds and plans for transferring  
certain money. lp. 4868

Aug. 1 -- Canton -- From Russell, Sturgis & Co.  
Enclose invoice and bill of lading for tea shipped to New  
York via Manila. lp. 4869

Aug. 1 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of accounts. Directions about parts of stoves for  
upper lakes. Re order for raccoons. lp. 4870

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- Aug. 1 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Will forward letter from Lampson giving particulars of  
sale of July 31. lp. 4871
- Aug. 3 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has obtained all goods ordered except vermillion. Re  
draft. L.B.C. 8:198 4872
- Aug. 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re sale of otter and beaver at satisfactory prices. Has  
purchased vermillion. Requests that correspondence to the Com-  
pany during Crooks's absence shall be in English in order to  
have prompt attention. Crooks will leave Aug. 5 for the lakes.  
L.B.C. 8:199 4873
- Aug. 4 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Regret that Berthold presented all drafts on the same day.  
Major Hitchcock has not been advised regarding the mode of pay-  
ment to the Winnebagoes, Sioux and Chippewas, but he has  
\$32,000 of merchandise on hand from last year. Tell of offer  
made to Powell, Lamont & Co. for their robes. Desire to pre-  
vent their competition. Will ship robes. Large number of  
robes are inferior. Re draft in favor of Halsey. Have been  
disappointed in payment from the government. 2p. (French) 4874
- Aug. 6 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet  
Has sent all coarse salt; desires note. lp. 4875
- Aug. 6 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler  
Will fill order as requested. lp. 4876
- Aug. 6 -- London -- From O. M. Lampson  
Deer skin sale was satisfactory. Rows' sale failed en-  
tirely. New buyer has appeared. Gives prices received for  
certain skins. The demand for deer skins for domestic use has  
increased, while the demand on the continent has fallen off.  
Statement of present stock of furs. The beaver market is dull.  
3p. 4877
- Aug. 6 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re robes and tongues received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
and placed in storage. Weather conditions necessitate careful  
handling of furs. 2p. 4878
- Aug. 6 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Rouse  
The Secretary of the Treasury ordered payment of requis-  
ition from a western land office but hopes to get money on New  
York or Philadelphia. lp. 4879
- Aug. 7 -- Syracuse -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Stayed in Albany until yesterday hoping to settle old

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claims for lost goods but failed to see Hunter. Could find no trace of steel lost in 1834 at office of Swift, [illegible] line. Knowers are pleased with Hudson Bay otters; Columbia River otters are probably satisfactory. Brooks has promised him more; requests information regarding the date of shipment of these. Has also promised him buffalo robes — gives price. No making statement for second ward assessors. Requests that Abol Wymen of Philadelphia be informed that he may have what robes he wants. Robinson & Co. were to have drawn yesterday for the balance of account. Presumes Knower has sent remittance. No robes to be sent Orr H. Towne of Boston. Is leaving the next day for Oswego from where he goes to Niagara or Lewiston. The rest of the salt has been sent, so Burnett's draft is to be honored. Thompson is to be informed. Dresser thinks Hudson's Bay Co.'s York Fort otters are worth \$1 to \$1.50 more than Lake Superior skins of the same quality. 2p. 4550

Aug. 7 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Has been to Green Bay; got 55 packs. Wishes instructions to buy large muskrat collection of Charles Grignon. 1p. 4551

Aug. 7 -- West Chester -- From A. Bolmar  
Re bill for Sylvester Cheuteau's school expenses. 1p. 4552

Aug. 7 -- Manchester -- A. & S. Henry & Co. to the Company  
Circular announcing delays in filling orders. Request orders be sent early, as the chief part of the goods required for America have to be prepared on purpose for the orders. 1p. 4553

Aug. 7 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower to John B. Whetten  
Expect to purchase a lot of otter skins. Would like to be advised when the Company has such for sale. Details of check enclosed. 1p. 4554

Aug. 7 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Hourse  
Has succeeded in getting \$25,000 on Philadelphia. 1p. 4555

Aug. 7 -- Boston -- From Daniel Webster  
Discussion of understanding about payment of Kinney's note. Will come to New York in September and make satisfactory arrangement. 2p. 4556

Aug. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Are pleased that the Company will use packets on the line that Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. run. Have written to Gotts about the state of the Company's account with them. 1p. 4557

Aug. 8 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Hourse  
Got part of money on New York; wishes higher commission for his efforts. 1p. 4558

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Aug. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Discussion of quantity and quality of robes. Re shipment of robes and furs. Are pleased that Halsey will take care of the Company's affairs during Crooks's absence in the West. lp. (French) 4889

Aug. 9 -- Washington -- From James Eakin

The Treasury Department will forward \$5000 allowed to H. Dousman in treaty of July, 1837, with Chippewas. lp. 4890

Aug. 9 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

Re shipment of 49 packs of furs to Detroit. Re expected return of the "Brewster" from the Ance with fish. Business is dull. Figures for shipments of fish to date and estimate for the season. lp. 4891

Aug. 9 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Is pleased that the Company has been able to sell some musquash. New York prices for otters and beavers are above the prices in London. Details of sale advertised by Rows for Sept. 12. Well known that Rows are speculators on their own account. 2p. 4892

Aug. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Abel Wyman, Philadelphia

Prices of robes will probably be the same as in 1837. L.B.C. 8:200 4893

Aug. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower, Albany

Is grateful for collection of certain note. L.B.C. 8:201 4894

Aug. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Moses Burnet, Syracuse

The Company cannot issue note for less than \$1000. Requests Burnett to draw draft for the balance of account. L.B.C. 8:202 4895

Aug. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Francis Bonaud, Pittsburgh

Re goods to be forwarded to St. Louis without delay. L.B.C. 8:202 1/2 4896

Aug. 9 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Has shipped furs and skins to Lampson. Crooks left August 5 for the lakes. L.B.C. 8:203 4897

Aug. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London

The Company has not expected certain deer skins to bring more than cost, as purchases were made merely to keep skins out of Hotte's hands. Encloses invoices and bill of lading for furs and skins shipped. L.B.C. 8:204 4898



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- Aug. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Groning & Co., New Orleans  
Re shipment of paper to be forwarded to Chouteau & Mackenzie. L.B.C. 8:205 4899
- Aug. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Part of deer skins received from Pittsburgh are badly damaged. Encloses invoice for goods. All robes must be labeled to show whether they are Upper Missouri or Pawnee. Crooks left August 5 for the lakes. L.B.C. 8:206 4900
- Aug. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Has received remittance for Aitken's claim. Will consult Crooks about commission for Nourse. L.B.C. 8:207 4901
- Aug. 11 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Details of robes forwarded. Have received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. notice of additional shipment. 2p. 4902
- Aug. 11 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 4903
- Aug. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of furs and robes shipped. lp. (French) 4904
- Aug. 13 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose check to be credited on note. lp. 4905
- Aug. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Re directions for inclosed bill of exchange. lp. 4906
- Aug. 13 -- Dundas, Upper Canada -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Has given drafts on the Company to J. B. Ewart; to be charged to his account. Is leaving for Toronto; will be in Buffalo the next evening. Requests payment of postage and forwarding of letters sent in the Company's care from Dundas, for England. lp. 4907
- Aug. 13 -- Washington -- Charles H. Gratiot to the Company  
Request for reply to letter of Aug. 1. lp. 4908
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Encloses note and draft for collection. L.B.C. 8:208 4909
- Aug. 13 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Details of letter from Gotts. lp. 4910
- Aug. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Order wampum from the Company. lp. 4911

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- Aug. 14 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Re furs forwarded on the "Astor". Has forwarded small  
canoe to New York. lp. 4912
- Aug. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Chouteau & Mackenzie  
St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for paper shipped. Re delay in filling  
order. L.B.C. 8:209 4913
- Aug. 15 -- Washington -- From John Campbell  
Encloses Treasury draft. lp. 4914
- Aug. 15 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Enclose statement of accounts. Re plans for filling or-  
ders. Think Corn Laws need to be modified. Trade is active.  
3p. 4915
- Aug. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have many more inferior robes than can be disposed of.  
Enclose checks to be credited on account. Details of accounts.  
Have received account of sales of otters and beaver. 3p. 4916
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Charles H. Gratiot,  
Washington  
Has not received funds from Treasury Department for Dous-  
man's claim under the Chippewa treaty. L.B.C. 8:210 4917
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhauss,  
Philadelphia  
Has forwarded wampum as requested. L.B.C. 8:211 4918
- Aug. 16 -- Lapointe -- From Lyman M. Warren  
Hopes to receive goods for treaty and stoves from Montreal.  
Aitken is probably at Crow Wing River. Re drafts. lp. 4919
- Aug. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
Re delay in forwarding furs. Encloses draft on Hudson's  
Bay Company to be collected. L.B.C. 8:212 4920
- Aug. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co., Liverpool  
Account current is found correct. L.B.C. 8:213 4921
- Aug. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
Leeds  
Has received invoices for blankets. Hopes quality of the  
blankets will be satisfactory, as the uncertainty of receiving  
French blankets causes great disappointment. L.B.C. 8:214 4922
- Aug. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have shipped robes. lp. 4923

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- Aug. 17 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to John B. Whetten  
Are grateful for wampum. Enclose draft in payment. 1p. 4924
- Aug. 17 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Re large amount of work Lampson has at present. Encloses statement of assortment and valuation of raccoon skins. Re plans for the sale of raccoon. Sample guns will be sent to Lacey. 2p. 4925
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Chapron & Nidelat, Philadelphia  
Encloses draft which has been accepted. L.B.C. 8:215 4926
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Eakin, Treasury Department  
Has received remittance for Dousman's claim. L.B.C. 8:216 4927
- Aug. 18 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
Encloses check to be credited on account. 1p. 4928
- Aug. 18 -- St. Mary's Seminary -- From John Timon  
Has received instructions from France about investment of funds. 1p. 4929
- Aug. 18 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Are satisfied with the standing of the Company's account. 1p. 4930
- Aug. 20 -- Detroit -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Has finished business in Detroit; is leaving for Mackinac. Requests letter once a week. G. Haight & Co.'s certificates of deposit in Michigan can be paid only in depreciated currency; left with Brewster who will remit as soon as practicable. Certificates and order on Detroit bank in same position and will receive same treatment. James Abbott will pay J. C. Halsey's order for overcharge in depreciated state currency. Requests J. Gasquet be told Crooks refused to take currency from Mendell and left draft with Brewster. Hopes no more collections will be undertaken in that country. Draft on Vallee, Boyer & Co. on his account. Brewster wants copies of bills for salt; 400 more barrels to be ordered. Skins at Lake Superior will not be many, but fish will be abundant. Details of skins received or on way. Brewster will soon join Crooks at Mackinac, then La-pointe, unless Crooks is called to the Mississippi. Garland will pay Rolette's and Hamelin's claims as soon as he can get remittance for New York. 4p. 4931
- Aug. 20 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Acknowledge receipt of draft. L.B.C. 8:216 1/2 4932

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Aug. 21 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Regrets he did not know Abbott was buying for Hoette. Hunt's purchases are in good condition. Expects good profit in furs. Details of salt order. Crooks left for the Sault Aug. 20; Brewster will join him immediately at Lapointe. Sprague will act in his absence. Details of charges Brewster paid. lp. 4933

Aug. 21 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot

Re funds to be paid by United States to be passed to credit of Mrs. Susan Gratiot, subject to the order of her son Edward H Gratiot. lp. 4934

Aug. 21 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re robes and furs received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Will forward these as soon as possible. 2p. 4935

Aug. 23 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Encloses order of goods for store. [Not enclosed.] lp. 4936

Aug. 23 -- Philadelphia -- P. A. Berthold to John B. Whetten

Requests Whetten to forward his mail. Expects to leave for the West soon. lp. 4937

Aug. 23 -- Mackinac -- To Stephen A. Halsey

Nothing more yet has been heard from Lake Superior. Sent Franchere to Lapointe. Specie, goods and provisions for the Chippewa treaty are at Mackinac waiting for the "Astor". Will go to the Sault with them, if examination of skins is finished. Commissioners for Winnebago treaty came up on the same steamer from Detroit and went on to Prairie du Chien. Knows nothing of those who superintend execution of the Sioux treaty. Stuart has gone to the Mississippi to advocate claims of old Company. Abbott has drawn on office to pay Northern Department debt to bank of Michigan. Requests immediate execution of enclosed order for goods. Sending package containing packing account of packs of furs and skins from Green Bay. Draft collectable -- credit to Crooks. 2p. 4938

Aug. 23 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere

Encloses draft. lp. 4939

Aug. 23 -- London -- From O. M. Lampson

Continental exporters have returned good many skins bought at Hudson's Bay House last spring. Could not sell on continent at such extravagant prices. German buyer who was buying deer skins has turned crazy. Hopes his skins will be exported. 2p. 4940

Aug. 23 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter

Re furs and skins forwarded. lp. 4941

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- Aug. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to B. Homes, Boston  
Has received check. Will be grateful for further remittance. L.B.C. 8:217 4942
- Aug. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Details of certain family accounts of Gratiot. Has received amount of Deusman's claim from the Treasury Department. L.B.C. 8:218 4943
- Aug. 24 -- Liverpool -- From W. & J. Brown & Co.  
Have transmitted order to Lampson, as directed by Crooks. lp. 4944
- Aug. 24 -- Hartford -- From E. S. Hamilton  
Requests price of robes and probable time of delivery. lp. 4945
- Aug. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipping account for robes. Re drafts. Have received invoice for merchandise. The Company's statement of robes differs materially from Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s books. lp. 4946
- Aug. 24 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Enclose draft to be collected and credited on account. lp. 4947
- Aug. 24 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Have paid bill of Gillespie, Moffatt, Jamison & Co. as directed. lp. 4948
- Aug. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
Discussion of damage to peltries delayed on the way from Buffalo. Details of accounts. L.B.C. 8:219 4949
- Aug. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re draft drawn. Will forward large shipment of furs and skins. L.B.C. 8:220 4950
- Aug. 24 -- Liverpool -- Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to S. A. Halsey  
Were advised by Crooks that he expected to visit the Company's establishments in the interior. Re delay in sailing of certain steamer. lp. 4951
- Aug. 25 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose draft to be credited on note. lp. 4952

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Aug. 25 -- Detroit -- From Count de Castelman

Has decided to extend his journey into the far west. Requests letter of recommendation from Crooks. His explorations are entirely scientific. lp. 4953

Aug. 25 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter

Re furs and skins forwarded. Re explanation from Mitchell Rolette and Capt. Disbrow about damage on furs. 2p. 4954

Aug. 27 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie

Re enclosed draft. lp. 4955

Aug. 27 -- Washington -- From James Eakin

Sum of \$10,000 will be sent to the Company for widow of the late Henry Gratiot. This sum is stipulated in Art. 4 of treaty with the Winnebagoes, ratified June 15. lp. 4956

Aug. 28 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Draft for purchase of Biddle and Drew's furs. lp. 4957

Aug. 28 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to E. S. Hamilton,  
Hartford

Will sell robes on the same terms as in 1837. Details of prices. L.B.C. 8:221 4958

Aug. 28 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston

Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 8:222 4959

Aug. 28 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower,  
Albany

Encloses note and draft to be collected. Expects otters soon. L.B.C. 8:223 4960

Aug. 28 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Hercules L. Dousman,  
Prairie du Chien

Details of accounts. Has sent Hudson's Bay Co.'s draft to London. Crooks will adjust matters with Sibley and Stambaugh. Encloses invoice for goods. Has not received packing account for large shipment of furs and skins. L.B.C. 8:224-225 4961

Aug. 28 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis

Details of accounts. Re funds deposited for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Has sold otters and beaver. Prospects abroad for beaver are discouraging. Part of blankets have been ordered from France. Loubat has assured delivery on time. Has few inquiries for robes. L.B.C. 8:226-227 4962

Aug. 29 -- Washington -- From John Campbell

Encloses Treasury drafts. lp. 4963

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Aug. 29 -- Washington -- Charles H. Gratiot to John B. Whetten  
Re error in orders about funds from the Indian Bureau. 4964  
1p.

Aug. 29 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Have sent goods to Liverpool to be forwarded. Details of  
invoices. Prices of woollen goods are likely to remain station-  
ary during the remainder of the year. Encloses no. 4967. 2p.  
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Aug. 29 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Encloses account of sales for deer skins. Expects better  
attendance than usual at autumn sales and also good prices.  
Wink will sell very high. Is satisfied with the progress of  
opposition to Hotte. Re certain skins retained for later sales.  
One of the largest buyers for Leipzig reports that Hotte has  
landed furs at Hamburg, which greatly annoys the London sales.  
Lampson fears Hotte has bought raccoons in New York. Lampson  
is willing to take any raccoons offered in New York even at  
prices that would leave a loss rather than have them get into  
the hands of Hotte and go direct to the continent, thus ruin-  
ing Lampson's London market. 3p.  
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Aug. 29 -- New York -- George K. Teulon to the Company  
Wishes employment in the Company's office. 1p. 4967

Aug. 29 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Boyd, Boston  
Will sell robes on the same terms as in 1837. L.B.O. 8:  
226 4968

Aug. 29 -- New York -- From John B. Whetten  
Has attended to business as Crooks directed. Details of  
funds received from the Treasury Department. Re skins shipped  
to London. Halsey has purchased otters and beaver. Has a few  
inquiries for robes. Has forwarded goods ordered by Dousman  
for Fort Snelling Outfit. Re skins received from Green Bay in  
bad order. Discussion of notes, etc. Has paid interest due  
Astor. Encloses copy of letters from Lampson and Sargents.  
L.B.O. 8:230-231 4969

Aug. 30 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose check to be credited on account. Enclose state-  
ment of robes shipped this season. [Not enclosed]. 1p. 4970

Aug. 31 -- Montreal -- George Ashton & Co. to the Company  
Inquires about quantity and price of raccoon skins. 1p.  
4971

Aug. 31 -- Buffalo -- From Treat & Carter  
Regret delay in transportation to New York. Details of  
efforts to adjust damages on shipment from Green Bay. Will for-  
ward goods for upper Mississippi to St. Louis. 2p. 4972

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Aug. 31 — New York — John B. Whetten to G. M. Lampson, London  
 Encloses bill of lading and invoices for furs and skins.  
 Will forward Detroit raccoons as soon as received. Has sold  
 otters and some beaver. L.B.C. 8:232-233 4973

Aug. 31 — New York — John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill &  
 Co., Liverpool  
 Re furs and skins forwarded to Lampson. Re statement of  
 drafts drawn. L.B.C. 8:234 4974

Aug. 31 — Liverpool -- Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to Stephen A.  
 Halsey  
 Enclose bill of lading, patterns and invoices of goods  
 from A. & S. Henry & Co. Enclose copy of account of sales  
 rendered by Lampson. 2p. 4975

Sept. 3 — Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
 Has shipped 90 packs. 1p. 4976

Sept. 4 — Leeds -- Benjamin Gott & Sons to Stephen A. Halsey  
 Details of filling order for certain kinds of blankets.  
 1p. 4977

Sept. 4 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Re furs shipped. Enclose draft for proceeds of a certain  
 note. 1p. 4978

Sept. 4 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau &  
 Co., St. Louis  
 Will examine statement of quantity of robes on hands.  
 L.B.C. 8:235 4979

Sept. 4 — New York — John B. Whetten to Edw. H. Gratiot, St.  
 Louis  
 Details payment of claim of Mrs. Susan Gratiot. L.B.C. 8:  
 236 4980

Sept. 4 — New York — John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Or-  
 leans  
 Re accounts. Details of condition of skins in certain  
 shipments. L.B.C. 8:237 4981

Sept. 4 — New York — Crooks to the Treasury Department, Wash-  
 ington (per Whetten)  
 Acknowledges the receipt of draft in payment of Mrs.  
 Gratiot's claim. L.B.C. 8:238 4982

Sept. 4 — New York — John B. Whetten to Chouteau & Mackenzie,  
 St. Louis  
 Re proceeds of certain draft. Encloses letter for E. H.  
 Gratiot. L.B.C. 8:239 4983



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Sept. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Charles H. Gratiot,  
Dubuque

Details of funds held for Mrs. Susan Gratiot. L.B.C. 8:  
240 4984

Sept. 5 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- To Stephen A. Halsey

Has not heard from New York; fears miscarriage of letters. Bad weather interfered with loading of "Astor"; waiting for favorable wind. New brig has landed fish brought down. 1000 barrels aboard the brig for Detroit. Re fisheries of the Company on Superior and the effect of the Chippewa treaty on fishermen. Re mismanagement of Northern Outfit affairs the past year. If affairs at Lapointe are as bad as rumored, an entire change of administration is necessary. Brewster will go to Lapointe to advise him. The "Brewster" will wait until Sept. 10 at the Sault for Gov. Dodge or substitute for the execution of the Chippewa treaty in case he goes that way to La Pointe. Men in charge of specie and Indian goods go up in the "Astor" with Crooks. The prospect that all goods and money will be distributed at Lapointe. Treaty, reform of business, visiting fishing stations about the lakes make estimate of time of return to New York impossible. Re selling of tea on vessel from Canton and arrangements with partner in the project; re partner's payment of share of skins and shipment charges. Sees in London paper that Wildes & Co. will pay all debts; requests the Company's account be transferred to Liverpool house or draft drawn. Instructions regarding money received by Rolette from the Ottawa treaty. Re Aitken's arrangement with Dousman regarding \$28000, according to Aitken's letter; Dousman's drafts are to be accepted but no more drawn, until Crooks has seen Aitken. Encloses letter from Warren and packing account of July 21 found at the Sault. Encloses account of expenses incurred at Green Bay to August 2 for drying Western Outfit packs. Will be refunded by underwriters. Order goods needed to complete supplies and some articles for 2 Superior schooners. Letters to St. Mary's to be still addressed to Franchere for nonce. Letter from Borup enclosed. Has packed and shipped furs of enclosed account. Requests disposal of them for account of Northern Outfit. 6p. 4985

Sept. 5 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson

Will collect draft on Hudson's Bay Co. Details of results of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale. Raccoons at Lampson's sale sold at higher prices. Lampson considers that the Company's furs have sold well. Considerable profit will be made on all skins except red and cross fox. Minks are selling at enormous prices. 2p. 4986

Sept. 6 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.

Re terms of credit for goods forwarded. Enclosed in no. 4965. 1p. 4987

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- Sept. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re enclosed drafts. 1p. 4988
- Sept. 6 -- New York -- [John B. Whetten] to Vallee, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Regrets not being able to furnish raccoons. Re accounts.  
Robes are arriving. L.B.C. 8:243 4989
- Sept. 6 -- Liverpool -- Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to Stephen  
A. Halsey  
Re letters received from the Company and error in account.  
1p. 4990
- Sept. 7 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster (per L. Sprague,  
Jr.)  
Western Outfit to be credited with \$6300 received on  
Rolette's power of attorney; Northern Department with \$800 on  
Hamelin's power of attorney. 1p. 4991
- Sept. 7 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Details of robes received from the Chouteaus. Discussion  
of freight rates. 3p. 4992
- Sept. 7 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Re robes received from St. Louis.  
1p. 4993
- Sept. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Encloses draft to be credited on account. 1p. 4994
- Sept. 8 -- La Pointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Arrived with Brewster from St. Mary's. Schooner is re-  
turning to give Dodge opportunity to get up promptly in case  
he comes by the Sault. Finds mismanagement worse than rumored.  
Sacrifice of the Company to individual interest. Will inves-  
tigate and reform. Franchere joins Aitken at Crow Wing River  
to keep Company's interests straight at the Chippewa treaty.  
Borup is to manage at Lapointe. Re conditions necessary to  
carry out reforms. Draft for Borup enclosed; details of  
Borup's account. Nothing has yet been heard of Dodge's move-  
ments. Directed Aitken to remit to St. Louis money collected.  
Details of Hudson's Bay Co.'s draft. Hopes \$28,000 under  
Aitken's power of attorney was received. Asks Dousman be told  
not to draw drafts until Crooks writes him. Details of letter  
of credit given Borup for his own account. 3p. 4995
- Sept. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose draft to be collected on account. Are satisfied  
with the Company's sale of otters and beaver. 1p. 4996
- Sept. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Encloses bill for robes. L.B.C. 8:244 4997

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- Sept. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gen. Charles H. Gratiot, Washington  
Re funds belonging to Mrs. Susan Gratiot. Has forwarded buffalo tongues. L.B.C. 8:245 4998
- Sept. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts. Re instructions for payment to be made to Sire at Bordeaux. 2p. 4999
- Sept. 11 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Details of drafts and accounts. 1p. 5000
- Sept. 11 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Order for goods. 1p. 5001
- Sept. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Re arrangements about accounts. Crops in Missouri will be large this season; expect fair business in the fall. 1p. 5002
- Sept. 12 -- Washington -- Charles H. Gratiot to John B. Whetten  
Information received from St. Louis states that annuities goods, etc. due the Indians of the Upper Mississippi were dispatched, Sept. 10. Sanford has accompanied the expedition to submit the Company's claims to the commissioners and to receive what is due the Company. 1p. 5003
- Sept. 12 -- New York -- From John B. Whetten  
Goods for Abbott have been shipped. Additional order for St. Mary's will be filled at once. Encloses report of Lampson's deer skin sale. Packing accounts from Northern Outfit have not arrived. Re accounts with Talbot, Olyphant & Co., Canton. Robes sell slowly. L.B.C. 8:248-249 5004
- Sept. 13 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Details of results of Lampson's sale. Had to withdraw part of musquash offered. Rows' efforts to sell beaver failed. Rows' sales have been of little influence on market conditions. Hotte seems very bitter against Lampson and has tried to prejudice buyers against him. Raccoons are very high at present. Both the Company and Lampson have reason to be gratified with account this year. 3p. 5005
- Sept. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. 1p. 5006
- Sept. 13 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Order for robes. Re directions about shipping these robes. Re prices. 1p. 5007
- Sept. 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster (Per L. Sprague, Jr.)  
Invoice of furs and skins enclosed; some are Hunt's pur-

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- chases. Cannot send estimate of the average cost, until they are examined. lp. 5008
- Sept. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose check. Have drawn draft. lp. 5009
- Sept. 15 -- Buffalo -- Treat & Carter to John B. Whetten  
Have forwarded furs and skins in good order. Have received no information from Mitchell. Details of delays at Albany due to tow boats. lp. 5010
- Sept. 16 -- St. Peter's -- From William A. Aitken  
Encloses Hudson's Bay Co.'s draft. lp. 5011
- Sept. 16 -- Ancaster -- From Matthew Crooks  
Encloses letter to be forwarded to Barbadoes. lp. 5012
- Sept. 17 -- Walpole, New Hampshire -- From Josiah Bellows  
Inquires about buffalo robes. The prospects are good for selling robes. lp. 5013
- Sept. 17 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Re order for robes of the best kind. Re plans for remittance. lp. 5014
- Sept. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Details of drafts. L.B.C. 8:246 5015
- Sept. 17 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
Re goods to be forwarded to Abbott without delay. L.B.C. 8:247 5016
- Sept. 18 -- Milwaukee -- From A. J. Kean  
Kean is in debt to Milwaukee Outfit for advance of goods in 1836. Is unable to pay but offers house and lots to Crooks in lieu of money. Will make settlement with Juneau, if Crooks approves. lp. 5017
- Sept. 18 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft on account. lp. 5018
- Sept. 18 -- Liverpool -- Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Details of drafts and correction in account of sales. Results of late fur sales are very gratifying. lp. 5019
- Sept. 19 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson  
Request notice of date of public sales by the Company. lp. 5020

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- Sept. 19 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt,  
Utica  
Has shipped robes. Details of kind of robes on hand.  
L.B.C. 8:250 5021
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Will pay Burnett for salt. Details of drafts and notes.  
Lampson's deer skin sale of July 31 was satisfactory. Hotte's  
speculation in deer skins has turned out miserably. Annexes  
statement of furs in Lampson's hands. L.B.C. 8:251-252 5022
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallee, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Details of drafts. Cannot fill order for bear skins.  
L.B.C. 8:253 5023
- Sept. 20 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Indian purchases have depleted stock; encloses emergency  
order. [Not enclosed.] lp. 5024
- Sept. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Details of drafts and accounts. Very serious drought  
thruout the region; rivers are exceedingly low. lp. 5025
- Sept. 20 -- La Pointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Has not heard from Halsey since leaving New York. Re-  
ceived \$26,000 from Aitken. Re Dousman's drawing drafts. To-day  
received further knowledge of Aitken's management of Fond du  
Lac Department. \$26,000 not too much to pay Indian debts in  
his country and the Company's losses. Warren has been dis-  
charged. Details of penalties imposed. Borup has been made  
agent at La Pointe. Advertisement of Warren's discharge is to  
be put in the New York papers. Has heard no more of movements  
of the treaty commissioner. Cannot leave until Aitken returns  
and affairs with him and the treaty business are settled, also  
Northern Outfit affairs reformed. Rolette is directed to ad-  
vertise discharge of Warren in western papers and advise the  
Company's agents. Brewster is leaving for home. Will inspect  
important Company fishing stations at Isle Royale and Grand  
Portage and give Halsey knowledge of the fishing prospects and  
affairs of Northern Outfit on his way home, if he has time.  
Warren has transferred his 10 shares of the Company's stock.  
Crooks has certificate and power of attorney to transfer them.  
3p. 5026
- Sept. 20 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Re robes forwarded. L.B.C. 8:254 5027
- Sept. 20 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Josiah Bellows, Wal-  
pole  
Re terms on which the Company will supply robes. L.B.C.  
8:255 5028

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- Sept. 21 -- Dubuque, Iowa -- From Edward H. Gratiot  
Directions about drafts for certain family funds. 1p. 5029
- Sept. 21 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Samuel Abbott,  
Mackinac  
Has forwarded goods. Encloses invoice. Requests that  
parcel be forwarded to Baraga. L.B.C. 8:256 5030
- Sept. 21 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pearson & Sons,  
Baltimore  
The demand is very limited for muskrats. The Company will  
not have a public sale. L.B.C. 8:257 5031
- Sept. 22 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster (per L. Sprague,  
Jr.)  
Packing account of furs and skins shipped that day. The  
furs purchased in Detroit. All of Hunt's furs are not in. 1p. 5032
- Sept. 22 -- Boston -- Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Encloses draft. Details of transportation of robes. 1p. 5033
- Sept. 22 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau  
& Co., St. Louis  
Re accounts. Details of shipment of robes badly damaged.  
Lampson's deer skin sale of Aug. 31 went off well. Has assur-  
ances that orders for English and French goods will be filled.  
Crooks was at St. Mary's Sept. 10. L.B.C. 8:259-260 5034
- Sept. 22 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Annexes invoices and bills of lading for robes. Re other  
robes on hand. L.B.C. 8:261 5035
- Sept. 24 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs. 2p. 5036
- Sept. 24 -- Boston -- Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Re order for robes. Countermands previous order. 1p. 5037
- Sept. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Hercules L. Dousman,  
Prairie du Chien  
Re delay in receiving packs and packing account. Details  
of accounts. L.B.C. 8:262-263 5038
- Sept. 24 -- New York -- Stephen A. Halsey to Wildes & Co.  
Is gratified that the firm of Wildes & Co. has resumed  
payment. Requests that balance due the Company be paid to  
Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. Crooks is making annual visit to  
Northern trading posts. L.B.C. 8:264 5039

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Sept. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Orr M. Towne, Boston  
Has received draft in payment of account. He robes.

L.B.C. 8:265

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Sept. 25 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co., Liverpool

Has requested Wildes & Co. to pay balance due the Company  
to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. Result of Lampson's sale of Sept.  
7 has exceeded the Company's most sanguine expectations.

L.B.C. 8:267

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Sept. 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Is gratified at the result of deer skin sale. Success is  
due entirely to Lampson's good management. Crooks has reported  
very unfavorably on Company's operations at Lapointe. Details  
skins being prepared for shipment. Has received marked cata-  
logs of Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale and of Lampson's sale. L.B.C.

8:268-269

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Sept. 25 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to A. Bolmar

Will pay Sylvester Chouteau's school expenses as directed  
by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 8:270

5043

Sept. 27 -- Troy -- From David Ellis

Wishes robes sent without delay. Annexes recommendation  
concerning his business standing. 2p.

5044

Sept. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower,  
Albany

Encloses notes to be collected. Wishes directions about  
order for robes. L.B.C. 8:271

5045

Sept. 27 -- New York -- From John B. Whetten

Re filling of order for St. Mary's Outfit. Discussion of  
results of Lampson's sale. Has forwarded Lampson's assortment  
and valuation of Detroit raccoons to Brewster. Webster has not  
made any payment on note. Details of skins to be shipped.  
Does not expect exchange on England to advance. L.B.C. 8:272-

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Sept. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster,  
Detroit

Furs and skins have arrived in good order. Encloses  
Lampson's assortment and valuation of Detroit raccoons. Re-  
sults of Lampson's sale are much better than the Company could  
reasonably expect. Encloses letter for Crooks. L.B.C. 8:274

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Sept. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to David Ellis, Troy

Re need for security on Ellis' note in payment of robes.

L.B.C. 8:275

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- Sept. 28 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower, to John B. Whetten  
Will take the remainder of soiled robes and 50 packs of  
fresh ones of certain grade. lp. 5049
- Sept. 28 -- Buffalo -- Treat & Carter to John B. Whetten  
Details of furs and skins forwarded. Advise that Western  
agents be instructed to be very particular in shipment of furs.  
Have forwarded goods to Mackinac. lp. 5050
- Sept. 28 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pearson & Sons,  
Baltimore  
The Company will not have public sale. Encloses note of  
Lloyd N. Rogers to be collected. L.B.C. 8:276 5051
- Sept. 29 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Regrets that reports from Lake Superior are unfavorable.  
Speculator has bought from Hudson's Bay Co. all musquash skins  
they will sell. Lampson can sell some musquash to furriers for  
boas and muffs. Market for beaver is dull. Encloses account  
of sales. 3p. 5052
- Sept. 30 -- Manchester -- From Crafts & Stell  
Enclose usual half yearly statement of account current.  
lp. 5053
- Oct. 1 -- St. Peter's -- From William Aitken  
Payments from Chippewa treaty are to be made at the falls  
of the St. Croix. Re his giving power of attorney so that some  
one else may get his \$28,000 claim. Explains terms agreed on.  
lp. 5054
- Oct. 1 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Asks Crooks to pay magazine subscription. lp. 5055
- Oct. 1 -- Washington -- Charles H. Gratiot to John B. Whetten  
Request to forward letter on the "Great Western." lp. 5056
- Oct. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of accounts. Have not received acknowledgments  
from the Company. Will ship mountain beaver. lp. 5057
- Oct. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoice of furs and deer skins. Has sold the  
poorest of grey deer. L.B.C. 8:277 5058
- Oct. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Re delay in shipping robes due to unfavorable weather.  
L.B.C. 8:278 5059
- Oct. 1 -- Liverpool -- Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to John B.  
Whetten  
Lampson will give usual attention to furs. Annex copy of



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- sales account rendered by Lampson. 2p. 5060
- Oct. 2 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. BCorup  
Has sent 4 packs. Hudson's Bay Co.'s draft was sent to  
Aitkin. Has heard nothing yet concerning Indian treaty. 1p.  
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- Oct. 2 -- Syracuse -- From Moses Burnet  
Will draw draft. 1p. 5062
- Oct. 2 -- Boston -- Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Encloses draft. 1p. 5063
- Oct. 3 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Orders wine for private use. 1p. 5064
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to David Ellis, Troy  
Has forwarded robes. L.B.C. 8:279 5065
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knowler, Albany  
Details of robes and prices. Has forwarded robes to Al-  
bany. L.B.C. 8:280 5066
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Charles J. Nourse,  
Washington  
Desires to know whether letter of Aug. 13 was received.  
L.B.C. 8:281 5067
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gary & Drummond, Nor-  
folk  
Discussion of injured vessel and damaged furs. Desires  
packs to be examined carefully. L.B.C. 8:282 5068
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to A. J. Keen, Milwaukee  
Abbott is fully authorized to settle affairs of Milwaukee  
Outfit. Crooks may visit Milwaukee. L.B.C. 8:283 5069
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Account current is correct. Cannot give decided opinion  
of imitation French blankets until Crooks returns. Directions  
for packing goods. L.B.C. 8:284 5070
- Oct. 4 -- Lapointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Has received nothing from the office. Re estimates of  
various fisheries. Indians collected at Lapointe expecting  
Dodge but were finally sent off with annuities; part went to  
the Company for goods and debts. Dodge has to consider claims  
of old traders for the remainder of appropriation and half-  
breed money. Will not leave while there is possibility of  
Dodge coming. Remarks. Details of situation at St. Peter's  
with Sioux affairs. Nothing has been heard from Dousman who  
looks after the Company's interest in the Winnebago treaty at

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Prairie du Chien. Directions for entering Hudson's Bay Co. draft. Will be away longer than expected. Requests accounts be written up constantly so all can be closed at the end of the year and dividend declared. Directions concerning Warren's affairs. Send letters to Detroit. 3p. 5071

Oct. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Goods from Henry & Co. have not arrived. Re furs and skins forwarded to Lampson. L.B.C. 8:285 5072

Oct. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
Expects more furs from Northern and Western Outfits. L.B.C. 8:286 5073

Oct. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Crooks is making his annual tour of stations in the interior. The Company cannot give decided opinion of goods until Crooks returns. L.B.C. 8:287 5074

Oct. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Sargent & Son, Birmingham  
Due to absence of Crooks no reply can be given about guns. L.B.C. 8:288 5075

Oct. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
States prices of robes. L.B.C. 8:289 5076

Oct. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 8:290 5077

Oct. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has made remittance to Sire, as requested. Re accounts. Will sell damaged robes at public sale. L.B.C. 8:291 5078

Oct. 5 -- Troy -- David Ellis to John B. Whetten  
Re arrangements for paying account. Will want more robes. lp. 5079

Oct. 5 -- Washington -- Charles J. Nourse to John B. Whetten  
Feran [?] will not assume draft of his nephew. John N. Jones thought to be in Florida. lp. 5080

Oct. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Are surprised at the report of serious damage to certain shipment of robes. Merchandise shipped via Pittsburgh has not arrived. lp. 5081

Oct. 5 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
The Company is well aware of the lack of attention to

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business at Green Bay. Re goods to be forwarded to St. Mary's,  
L.B.C. 8:292 5082

Oct. 5 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gabriel Franchere,  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Packs from Northern Outfit arrived in good order. Re delay  
in filling Franchere's order for goods. Reports from London  
sales are favorable. L.B.C. 8:293 5083

Oct. 6 -- Norfolk -- Gary & Drummond to John B. Whetten  
Describes the getting of buffalo robes off damaged ship  
and examining them. Casks of furs were in perfect order. Re-  
quest valuation of all Company's goods on the "Saracen." lp.  
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Oct. 8 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson (per Pearsall)  
Early reports from the Leipsic fair are not favorable for  
the sale of red fox; only two Greek buyers are there. Lampson  
will offer his beaver at public sale. Will not offer deer  
skins before February. Speculators will make little on mus-  
quash. 2p. 5085

Oct. 8 -- New York -- From Holmes & Nelson  
Circular -- Announces retirement of Silas Holmes from bus-  
iness which will be continued by Nelson. lp. 5086

Oct. 9 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot  
Requests Crooks to send certain kind of seed corn to St.  
Louis. lp. 5087

Oct. 9 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower to John B. Whetten  
Enclose check for amount of notes sent by the Company for  
collection. Order 10 bales of soiled robes and 10 bales of  
ornamented ones. lp. 5088

Oct. 9 -- Baltimore -- From Pearson & Sons  
Enclose check for net amount collected from Lloyd N.  
Rogers. lp. 5089

Oct. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Chouteau & Mackenzie,  
St. Louis  
Details of drafts and accounts. L.B.C. 8:294 5090

Oct. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Or-  
leans  
Re missing skins in certain packs and damages that should  
be paid. Discussion of heavy damages on shipment of robes.  
Crooks has not returned from the interior. L.B.C. 8:295 5091

Oct. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Regrets delay in the arrival of Hunt's purchases. Encloses

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- note to be collected for Halsey. L.B.C. 8:296 5092
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Henry E. Sibley,  
Fort Snelling  
Hopes Crooks has arranged affairs of Fort Snelling Out-  
fit satisfactorily. Re certain draft not collected. Re mis-  
sion funds deposited with Lentilhon & Co. L.B.C. 8:297 5093
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to John Lawe, Green Bay  
Is unable to collect a certain note. L.B.C. 8:298 5094
- Oct. 11 -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell (per D. Butler)  
Has shipped 40 packs of furs, care of Treat & Carter,  
Buffalo. Has received pork, tallow, and salt for J.B. Dubay.  
Will forward these articles and some flour and corn up the  
river. 1p. 5095
- Oct. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re letters unacknowledged by the Company. 1p. 5096
- Oct. 11 -- Albany -- From John J. Taaffe  
Wants 10 bales of robes. Business is very good at pres-  
ent. 1p. 5097
- Oct. 11 -- Boston -- Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Encloses draft. Re order for calf robes. 1p. 5098
- Oct. 12 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Returned 3 days ago from Lake Superior tour with Crooks.  
Burnett wrote that salt had been forwarded to Buffalo. En-  
dorse will pay draft on insolvent Saline bank. Crooks did  
not leave certain bank certificates. Early preparation must  
be made for spring contest. Requests sales account of his  
furs on hand to Dec. 31, 1837. Inquires if Aitken has sent  
money from the Chippewa treaty. Requests duplicate marked  
catalogues of all London sales and sales account of recent  
sale of Department skins in London. Wishes to be kept inform-  
ed about foreign and domestic market. 2p. 5099
- Oct. 13 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Order for robes. Stocking expects to go to New York  
next week. 1p. 5100
- Oct. 13 -- Boston -- Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Re order for robes. 1p. 5101
- Oct. 13 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower,  
Albany  
Is grateful for collection of notes. Details of robes  
not belonging to the Company. L.B.C. 8:299 5102

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- Oct. 15 — Detroit — William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Will send the rest of the furs when Hunt's arrive. Details of furs shipped Oct. 15 and charges paid. Kept 5 bales of robes to sell in Detroit. Sprague drew draft to pay for provisions in Ohio. lp. 5103
- Oct. 15 — Lapointe — From Charles W. Borup  
Order of his and one of Baraga. Will send outfit papers soon. Few furs were sent. lp. 5104
- Oct. 15 — West Chester — From A. Bolmar  
Encloses bill for expenses of Sylvester Chouteau who has gone home. lp. 5105
- Oct. 15 — La Pointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Borup sends memorandum of goods to be imported and domestic goods requiring time. Re woollens, gartering, and worsted yarn order from Gott. The quality of white blankets has already been settled. Directions for fixing the prices of certain cloths and coating in requisitions. The new shape of fire steels is to be noted. Turtle twine is not satisfactory. Re twine to be imported immediately from abroad. No guns nor powder is needed for Northern Outfit. Will be fewer skins because of the Government's date for the Chippewa treaty negotiations. Will be more fish. Business of Western Outfit is expected to be better because of the change in management. Letter from Fort Snelling says Dodge will not discharge the duty of commissioner; substitute is not known. Money has arrived; goods and provisions have been halted by low water below the rapids at Prairie du Chien. The place of payment has been changed to the Falls of St. Croix where Franchere and Aitken are. Crooks will join them, then go to St. Peter's and Prairie du Chien. Cannot leave the west without accomplishing his object. Movements will depend on what has to be done; no use to write. Rev. Mr. Baraga has drawn on Northern Department and Outfit. His wine to be sold to meet drafts. The sum from Borton for Baraga's account is to go to the Company. Sending 2 half barrels of fish for storage and trunk too heavy for portages to be sent to Mrs. Crooks. Has requested all agents about the lakes to send Halsey a full statement of their affairs promptly. Is taking from Lapointe and Prairie du Chien necessary papers and wishes papers in office to be ready so dividends can be declared at the end of the year. 4p. 5106
- Oct. 15 — St. Louis — From Edward H. Gratiot  
Re draft drawn for transferring family funds. lp. 5107
- Oct. 15 — New York — Stephen A. Halsey to Joseph Sire  
Encloses bill of exchange for \$5000 as directed by Pratté, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 8:300 5108

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Oct. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re acceptance of Clapp's drafts which are to be charged to Chouteau & Mackenzie. lp. 5109

Oct. 16 -- La Pointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey

Received Whetten's letter of Sept. 17 but not of Aug. 29. Is pleased with the aspect of the Company's affairs in New York and England. Re English sales. Course of Messrs. Rowe will increase confidence of buyers in Lampson who will soon control the entire U.S. shipments and stabilize prices. Crooks sent Northern Outfit account detained at St. Mary's off immediately. Operation in Chinese trade with Talbot, Oliphant Co. is good but is willing they should have profits in the future. Describes furs to be sold them. 3 traders have arrived who left the Company's employ because of mismanagement. Now it is possible to reorganize the Fond du Lac Department. Will go soon to the Falls of St. Croix to settle claims with Aitken who has forfeited confidence. Requests St. Louis and Prairie du Chien requisitions be sent immediately to England and their domestic needs attended to. Whetten's lost letter may have contained items Crooks wanted information on; details. Cannot tell where to send letters because of uncertainty regarding time necessary to investigate affairs of the Western Outfit. 3p. 5110

Oct. 16 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten

Order for goods for Indian trade enclosed; Whetten to select. Requests abstract of the Company's account with the Department. lp. 5111

Oct. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Enclose draft on Suydam, Jackson & Co. lp. 5112

Oct. 16 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten

Enclose draft to be collected and credited. lp. 5113

Oct. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Re remittance to Sire; Discussion of injured vessel delayed at Norfolk and condition of cargo. Has some little inquiry for Rocky Mountain beaver. L.B.C. 8:301 5114

Oct. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Gary & Drummond, Norfolk

Is grateful for attention to the Company's packs. Re directions for stowing packs for reshipment. L.B.C. 8:302 5115

Oct. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co. Montreal

Details of accounts. Raccoons have not arrived. Desires that robes be sold. L.B.C. 8:303 5116

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- Oct. 16 — New York — John B. Whetten to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Hunt's collection has not yet arrived. Re Crooks's re-  
port about dissolution between the Company and Warren. Can  
sell a few good muskrats. L.B.C. 8:304 5117
- Oct. 16 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pearson & Sons,  
Baltimore  
Is grateful for collection of Rogers' note. L.B.C. 8:305 5118
- Oct. 16 — New York — John B. Whetten to Orr M. Towne, Boston  
Details of accounts. Has shipped robes. L.B.C. 8:306 5119
- Oct. 16 — New York — John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt,  
Utica  
Annexes bill for robes which have been shipped. L.B.C. 8:  
307 5120
- Oct. 17 — Boston — From B. Homes  
Encloses check and draft to be credited on account. Robes  
sell very slowly and without any profit. lp. 5121
- Oct. 17 — New York — John B. Whetten to A. Bolmar, West  
Chester  
Encloses check for amount of school expenses of Sylvester  
Cheuteau. L.B.C. 8:309 5122
- Oct. 18 — London — From O. H. Lampson  
Accounts from Leipzig are favorable for raccoon skins.  
Tells of prospects for spring sales. Furriers in London are  
doing exceedingly good business. The prospects for martens are  
very favorable. lp. 5123
- Oct. 18 — New York — John B. Whetten to Francis Renaud,  
Pittsburgh  
Details of consignments of goods not received at St. Louis.  
L.B.C. 8:310 5124
- Oct. 18 — New York — John B. Whetten to Leech & Co., Phila-  
delphia  
Re goods forwarded to St. Louis in August and not re-  
ceived. Desires to know about transportation of this shipment.  
L.B.C. 8:311 5125
- Oct. 19 — Boston — From B. Homes  
Encloses drafts to be credited on account. lp. 5126
- Oct. 19 — Norfolk — Gary & Drummond to John B. Whetten  
Details of opening and repacking robes. Repaired ship  
will proceed to New York. lp. 5127

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- Oct. 19 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have drawn draft. lp. 5128
- Oct. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to B. Homes, Boston  
Has received remittance on account, L.B.C. 8:312 5129
- Oct. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to Treat & Carter, Buf-  
falo  
Re goods to be forwarded to Abbott without delay. L.B.C.  
8:314 5130
- Oct. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Will collect draft as requested. L.B.C. 8:315 5131
- Oct. 19 — Liverpool — Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to John B.  
Whetten  
Re balance due by George Wildes & Co. and draft drawn by  
the Company. lp. 5132
- Oct. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to Samuel Abbott, Macki-  
nac  
Details of accounts. Has shipped goods but had to sub-  
stitute for blue blankets and twines. Annexes memorandum of  
furs and skins. L.B.C. 8:318-319 5133
- Oct. 20 — Hartford — From E. S. Hamilton  
Order for robes. lp. 5134
- Oct. 20 — New York — John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill &  
Co., Liverpool  
Account of sales is correct. Re skins and furs shipped to  
Lampson. Details of drafts drawn. L.B.C. 8:316 5135
- Oct. 20 — London — From Wildes & Co.  
[Letter is entirely faded out.] lp. 5136
- Oct. 20 — New York — John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
Account of sales of deer skins is satisfactory. Encloses  
invoices for furs and skins shipped. Will leave nothing undone  
in the future to prevent Hotte from getting a skin. Crooks  
was still at Lapointe Sept. 20. L.B.C. 8:317 5137
- Oct. 20 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pearson & Sons,  
Baltimore  
Annexes bill for muskrats and robes. Re special terms for  
robes. L.B.C. 8:320 5138
- Oct. 20 — St. Louis — From P. Chouteau, Jr.  
Re order for blankets to be given to Loubat; these must be  
delivered at New York in May. Will send second memorandum of



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- articles to be purchased in England and in U.S. Sanford will leave soon for Washington. Re drafts drawn. lp. (French) 5139
- Oct. 20 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have drawn drafts. lp. 5140
- Oct. 22 — Troy — Lockwood & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Re permission to draw draft on account. lp. 5141
- Oct. 22 — Buffalo — Treat & Carter to John B. Whetten  
Will forward goods as directed. Discussion of missing pack of furs. Goods for the Sault were forwarded promptly. lp. 5142
- Oct. 22 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re efforts to find goods lost in transit. Details of letter from Merle & Co. concerning storing of robes at New Orleans. Robes are selling fairly well. L.B.C. 8:321-322 5143
- Oct. 22 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Treat & Carter have received salt from Burnett. Encloses letter from Lampson to Crooks. Thinks raccoons should be sold when extravagant prices are offered. Will retain funds on Aitken's account until Crooks's return. Only good Detroit muskrats can be sold. Annexes statement of sales of otter and beaver. L.B.C. 8:323-325 5144
- Oct. 23 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Order for blankets is very important. Re draft. 2p. (French) 5145
- Oct. 23 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Sanford has gone to Washington with large claims against the Indian Department. lp. 5146
- Oct. 23 — New York — John B. Whetten to B. Homes, Boston  
Has collected funds and credited account. L.B.C. 8:326 5147
- Oct. 23 — New York — John B. Whetten to E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Re robes forwarded. L.B.C. 8:327 5148
- Oct. 24 — Pierry pres Epernay — From — Loisson  
Sends wine to be sold for the benefit of Baraga's mission. Loisson greatly admires Baraga's devotion and zeal in instructing Indians in religion and civilization. Desires to aid Baraga in his good work. Hopes the Company can sell more wine. lp. (French) 5149

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Oct. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Lampson's sale terminated as favorably as could be expected. Has received payment of Rogers' note. Webster has promised to make further payment. Will ship caps and corn to Chouteau & Mackenzie. L.B.C. 8:328 5150

Oct. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit

Will give attention to order for goods. Encloses letter and duplicate catalogs from Lampson. Request copy of letter be sent to Crooks. Annexes statement of account. L.B.C. 8:328 1/2-329 5151

Oct. 24 -- Liverpool -- Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to John B. Whetten

George Wildes & Co. have paid the balance due Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. The Company has been credited with the same. lp. 5152

Oct. 25 -- Norfolk -- Gary & Drummond to John B. Whetten  
Re buffalo robes damaged on injured vessel. lp. 5153

Oct. 25 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower, to John B. Whetten  
Enclose draft for \$2500. Order 25 bales of robes of a certain grade. Can sell some ornamented robes. Competitors cause low prices in order to sell at all. lp. 5154

Oct. 25 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Will forward merchandise received from the Company for the Chouteaus. lp. 5155

Oct. 25 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. Have received draft from Crooks for C. H. Beaulieu. Season is too far advanced to sell raccoons. Discussion of prospects for the sale of robes belonging to the Company. lp. 5156

Oct. 25 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re draft drawn. Has forwarded bill of exchange on Hudson's Bay Co. to Lampson. L.B.C. 8:330 5157

Oct. 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Is pleased with favorable termination of sale. Will ship muskrats of description wanted. Brewster has visited Lake Superior with Crooks. Hopes to convince Hotte in 1839 of the folly of competing with the Company. Re Hotte's crooked work. Re sale of beaver and others. Skins shipped to Canton in 1837 paid profit of nearly 100 per cent. Encloses bill of exchange on Hudson's Bay Co. L.B.C. 8:330 1/2-331 5158

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- Oct. 25 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Re prices prevailing for raccoons. Details of skins that  
Center & Son can offer to Vallée, Boyer & Co., L.B.C. 8:332 5159
- Oct. 26 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
James Abbott is returning to New York with Department  
accounts. lp. 5160
- Oct. 26 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Hunt's furs were finally taken from Fort Wayne by wagon  
because the Maumee was low; will be sent next week. Most of  
skins on hand are deer. Is sending 3000 muskrat; should be  
sold to clear the market for new crop. Has no copy of notice  
of Warren's dismissal; Whetten has given sufficient notice.  
lp. 5161
- Oct. 26 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Crooks told him that the Company would declare 25 per cent  
dividends in January and that he might draw on his private ac-  
count dating drafts after Jan. 1. lp. 5162
- Oct. 26 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Hudson's Bay Co.'s importations are all short except lynx.  
Prospects were never more favorable for good spring sales.  
Leipsic fair has been dull for fox but other furs have sold  
well. Martens are fashionable among home furriers. Encloses  
catalog of beaver sale. Lampson and Lees have had disagreement  
about the sale of beaver. 2p. 5163
- Oct. 26 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Discussion of damaged robes in recent shipment. 2p. 5164
- Oct. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have drawn draft. Will ship beaver, deer skins and rac-  
coons soon. lp. 5165
- Oct. 26 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Will leave for Fort Winnebago Oct. 29. Requests the Com-  
pany to pay \$300 to his daughter Elizabeth when she arrives in  
New York. lp. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous) 5166
- Oct. 26 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt  
Recent shipment of robes was very inferior. Order ad-  
ditional robes of the best quality. lp. 5167
- Oct. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower,  
Albany  
Re remittance on account. Has shipped robes ordered.  
Cannot make change in selling terms. L.B.C. 8:333 5168

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- Oct. 26 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account of sales of deer skins. Insurance for damaged skins is not yet settled. L.B.C. 8:334 5169
- Oct. 27 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Request insurance for furs shipped. Have sent drafts on Indian Department to Sanford with instructions to remit the proceeds to the Company. lp. 5170
- Oct. 28 — Albany — James Mead to the Company  
Desires to know if the Company can furnish five or six hundred raccoon skins. Asks prices and terms. lp. 5171
- Oct. 29 — New York — John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Regrets that robes are not satisfactory. Will not fill the remainder of order without further directions. L.B.C. 8:335 5172
- Oct. 29 — New York — John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Re vessel in port but cargo not discharged. Annexes bill of lading for merchandise for Chouteau & Mackenzie. L.B.C. 8:335 1/2 5173
- Oct. 29 — New York — John B. Whetten to Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Annexes invoice for caps shipped. Caps were taken in payment of a debt; may be sold at discretion of Chouteau & Mackenzie. L.B.C. 8:336 5174
- Oct. 29 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re draft collected. Has renewed subscription to Herald. L.B.C. 8:337 5175
- Oct. 30 — Troy — Lockwood & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Order 50 bales of Upper Missouri robes. Expect to pay part of account soon. lp. 5176
- Oct. 30 — Montreal — Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Re directions for shipment of raccoons. lp. 5177
- Oct. 30 — New York — John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re payment made to C. H. Beaulieu. Will give attention to certain draft. Re account for robes in case of Beausoliel & Vallée. L.B.C. 8:338 5178
- Oct. 31 — Detroit — William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Packing invoice of last shipment of the season. Prices paid for deer and raccoon. Hopes buying expenses will be less

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in 1839. Crooks must be on Mississippi; has heard nothing of his movements since leaving Lake Superior. Thinks furs Hoette sent to Germany were bought by Abbott. Competitors must be watched in New York. Is glad that the Company did not accept drafts on Aitken's \$28,000. Stephen James is in the city on his way to New York. 2p. 5179

Oct. 31 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson

Advises that the Company get the bulk of raccoons at Detroit and the West. Fears Hotte will try his luck in the interior again. Raccoon on hand will sell at good profit. Center has informed Lampson that Hotte obtained Abbott's collection of raccoon bought for account of Stone. Thinks Abbott has deceived Stone. Regrets that the Company will be short in Lake Superior collections. 2p. 5180

Oct. 31 -- Utica -- From Stocking & Hunt

Order for robes. Details of poor quality of last lot of robes. Ask for skins not motheaten. 1p. 5181

Nov. 1 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John Livingston

Brewster's letter of Oct. 29 is to have Livingston's strict attention. Details of Livingston's business deficiencies. Considers liberal policy in dealing with government officers who have control of large disbursements of money is important. Urges Livingston in all matters to exercise policy. Livingston must have storehouse built. 3p. (Detroit Dept. Papers) 5182

Nov. 1 -- Mackinac -- From Michael Dousman

Encloses bill suspected to be counterfeit. Asks to have Biddle examine it. 1p. 5183

Nov. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London

Re slight error in account of sales. Will ship some muskrats. Has heard that Crooks had reached St. Peter's. L.B.C. 8:339 5184

Nov. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Treat & Carter, Buffalo

Re deficiencies in certain shipments from Green Bay. Annexes receipt for goods to be forwarded to Detroit. L.B.C. 8:340 5185

Nov. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of drafts. Encloses Lampson's account of sales of furs and skins. Vessel injured en route from New Orleans has reached port and damage on robes will be claimed from underwriters. L.B.C. 8:341 5186

Nov. 1 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit

Encloses account of sales from Lampson. Has shipped goods ordered. L.B.C. 8:342 5187

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- Nov. 2 — Detroit — William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Is shipping 4 packs of furs and 2 barrels of fish from  
Lapointe. Letter from Crooks dealt with reforms made above.  
lp. 5188
- Nov. 2 — Montreal — Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. lp. 5189
- Nov. 2 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.,  
St. Louis  
Has given Loubat order for blankets. Will order goods  
from England at once. Hopes Crooks will return soon. L.B.O.  
8:343 5190
- [Nov. 2] — [New York] — John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt,  
Utica  
Annexes bill for robes which have been selected with care.  
The Company will have sale of damaged robes. L.B.O. 8:344 5191
- Nov. 2 — New York — John B. Whetten to William Brewster, De-  
troit  
Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Re part of order not  
filled. Requests that parcel of books be forwarded to St.  
Mary's. L.B.O. 8:345 5192
- Nov. 4 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Remits memorandum for merchandise. If Loubat cannot fill  
order for blankets, send it to England. lp. (French) 5193
- Nov. 5 — Detroit — William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Found certificates mentioned. Would like abstract of De-  
partment account. Hopes goods were sent and blankets procured.  
lp. 5194
- Nov. 6 — Prairie du Chien — From Hercules L. Dousman  
List of certificates from U.S. commissioners under Sioux  
and Winnebago treaties for claims. Enclosed drafts. Re error  
in crediting money on Aitken's account to Northern Outfit.  
Order for next year's goods. 3p. 5195
- Nov. 6 — Havre — From Larue & Palmer  
Enclose bill of lading for champagne shipped at the order  
of Loisson. Also enclose bill for their charges which is to be  
paid to Edw. Larue, partner, in New York. 2p. 5196
- Nov. 6 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Expect friends from Lake Superior soon. lp.  
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- Nov. 6 — Buffalo — Treat & Carter to John B. Whetten  
Re goods forwarded to Abbott. Re deer skins, furs, and  
fish forwarded to New York. lp. 5198

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- Nov. 6 -- Liverpool -- Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Will honor bills as advised in Company's letter. lp. 5199
- Nov. 8 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Fears goods will not arrive before close of navigation.  
It is too late to visit Lawe; presumes he will act honestly in case Indian claims were allowed. lp. 5200
- Nov. 8 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Encloses Garland's check. Stuart in from Prairie du Chien says the Company got more claims allowed than expected. Re Whig victory. lp. 5201
- Nov. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re enclosed drafts. Are well satisfied with sales of deer skins; regret shipments are so small. lp. 5202
- Nov. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re Sire's application for funds; request the Company to remit as was done previously. lp. 5203
- Nov. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Encloses duplicate memorandum of merchandise. [Not enclosed.] lp. (French) 5204
- Nov. 8 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re slight error in Lampson's account of sales. Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 8:341 5205
- Nov. 9 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Encloses check to be credited on account. Wishes to know about prices of robes. lp. 5206
- Nov. 9 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Regrets that the Company's returns from Western and Northern Departments are so much short. Re Lampson's present stock. Expects additional raccoons. Sale of inferior deer skins came out badly. Hotte's deer skins were sent to Germany and then brought to England and sold at a loss. Use of cape goats has lessened the consumption of deer skins on the continent. Thinks Hotte may not be an eager buyer next year. The largest furriers say musquash has seen its day and no large quantity will be used next season. Skins reported forwarded by Whetten have not arrived. 2p. 5207
- Nov. 9 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. St. Louis  
Encloses catalog of sale of robes. Sale was entirely satisfactory. Re damage on Upper Missouri robes. L.B.C. 8:347 5208

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- Nov. 10 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
 Regrets acts of Government agents detrimental to the Company. Re payment of Juneau's debt to the Company. Advises Green Bay and Mackinac business be continued for 2 years or sold immediately. Has furnished the Lasleys and Duverney with goods. Encloses statement of condition of Northern Department affairs. [Not enclosed.] Regrets Crooks could not visit Mackinac. 2p. 5209
- Nov. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
 Enclose drafts to be collected. 1p. 5210
- Nov. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Re drafts listed in letter of Nov. 8. 1p. 5211
- Nov. 10 -- Boston -- Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
 Encloses draft. 1p. 5212
- Nov. 10 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
 Have received from sheriff of Montreal the Company's share from the estate of Beausoliel, Vallée & Co. 1p. 5213
- Nov. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
 Annexes bill for robes. Hopes robes can be sold at satisfactory prices. L.B.C. 8:348 5214
- Nov. 12 -- West Chester -- A. Bolmar to John B. Whetten  
 Has received draft from the Company and credited it to Sylvester Chouteau's account. 1p. 5215
- Nov. 12 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler  
 Has shipped order of hardware to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to be forwarded. 1p. 5216
- Nov. 12 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Sons, Boston  
 Annexes bill of lading for robes purchased at the Company's auction; Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 8:349 5217
- Nov. 13 -- Lancaster, Pa. -- From Henry E. Leman  
 Offers rifles at reduced rates. Has little work ordered. 1p. 5218
- Nov. 13 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John Livingston  
 Recharges that Berthkeht has given liquor to the Indians. Money to be advanced to Holliday under Ottawa treaty. The "Crooks" has departed with a cargo of fish. 3p. 5219
- Nov. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Re drafts. Re Chouteau's subscription to New York Herald. 1p. 5220



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- Nov. 13 — New York — John B. Whetten to — Hough, Superintendent Oneida Institute, Whitesboro, New York  
Warren is no longer connected with the Company. Will not accept drafts on his order. Bills for tuition of Warren's two sons should be forwarded to Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 8:350 5221
- Nov. 13 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Sanford has returned to Washington. Drafts on the Indian Department had not reached Sanford. Annexes account of sales of beaver and otters. Prospects for beaver abroad are very discouraging. L.B.C. 8:351 5222
- Nov. 13 — New York — John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Annexes bills for robes. Robes now shipped are of Upper Missouri variety. L.B.C. 8:352 5223
- Nov. 13 — New York — John B. Whetten to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Annexes bill for robes. Re quantity of Upper Missouri robes on hand. L.B.C. 8:353 5224
- Nov. 13 — New York — John B. Whetten to E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Has forwarded robes. L.B.C. 8:354 5225
- Nov. 13 — New York — John B. Whetten to Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Has collected drafts. Has requested Center & Son to forward bear skins. L.B.C. 8:355 5226
- Nov. 13 — New York — John B. Whetten to Byron Greenough, Portland  
Has received remittance on account. The Company will not sell Upper Missouri robes at present. Prospects abroad for furs are rather discouraging. The Company desires to collect any skins Greenough may collect. L.B.C. 8:356 5227
- Nov. 13 — Liverpool — Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Enclosed copy of sales account rendered by Lampson. 1p. 5228
- Nov. 14 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Are pleased with sales of furs. Have drawn draft. 1p. 5229
- Nov. 14 — Boston — Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Will take Upper Missouri robes if not over 25 bales. 1p. 5230

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Nov. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
Will forward small shipment of furs and deer skins. Has  
sold some beaver. Crooks has reported great progress in re-  
form at Lapointe. L.B.O. 8:357 5231

Nov. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Hiram Cutler, Shef-  
field  
Encloses order for knives and fire steels. Request care-  
ful attention to fire steels. L.B.O. 8:358 5232

Nov. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
Leeds  
Encloses order for goods. Requests goods of the exact  
quality ordered. Discussion of orders likely to be sent. Will  
report on imitation French blankets after Crooks's return.  
L.B.O. 8:359-360 5233

Nov. 15 -- London -- From Lacy & Reynolds  
Annexes invoice for 300 Northwest guns. Guns have been  
sent to docks for shipment. Lampson will forward bill of lad-  
ing. lp. 5234

Nov. 15 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
The Company is gratified with the results of the sale of  
beaver and deer skins. Will ship muskrats. The Company is  
highly pleased with Lampson's management of business. Re-  
twines ordered. Brewster is making active preparations for  
1839 business. L.B.O. 8:361-362 5235

Nov. 16 -- Havre -- From Larue & Palmer  
Have shipped 100 baskets champagne; enclose bill of lading  
lp. 5236

Nov. 16 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, De-  
troit  
Packs of furs and skins are not landed. Will forward  
skins to Lampson. Prefer selling muskrats at low price rather  
than keep them in store. Hunt's deer skins have cost too  
much. Fears Crooks will be delayed in the interior until late  
in December. Encloses abstract of accounts, Lampson's letters  
and list of Hudson's Bay Co.'s importations in 1837 and 1838.  
L.B.O. 8:363-364 5237

Nov. 17 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Requests certain accounts necessary in making out annual  
accounts. Will have to send certain goods by land. Hollister  
reports good progress. Requests Halsey be told standing of the  
Buhls is good and that he has not got exchange for certificate.  
lp. 5238

Nov. 17 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Annex statement of account with the Company. Have drawn

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- on Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. for the amount due Henry & Co.  
lp. 5239
- Nov. 17 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs and skins. lp. 5240
- Nov. 17 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.  
Agents in Liverpool have received payment from the sales  
of deer skins by Lampson. lp. 5241
- Nov. 18 — Washington — J. F. A. Sanford to John B. Whetten  
Asks to have his letters forwarded. lp. 5242
- Nov. 19 — Troy — David Ellis to John B. Whetten  
Re order for skins. lp. 5243
- \* Nov. 19 — Leeds — From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Enclose invoices and patterns of cloth. Prices are ad-  
vancing on cloth and blankets. Could not fill orders for U.S.  
under an advance of 5 per cent and one pence per yard addition-  
al on blue cloth, owing to increased price of indigo. lp. 5244
- Nov. 19 — Bordeaux — Joseph A. Sire to the Company  
Is grateful for remittance received from the Company.  
Will write to Chouteau later. lp. (French) 5245
- Nov. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
Leeds  
Annexes order for goods. L.B.C. 8:365 5246
- Nov. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to Hiram Outler, Shef-  
field  
Annexes order for goods. Desires that goods leave Liver-  
pool at the time specified. L.B.C. 8:366 5247
- Nov. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Encloses copy of account of sale of deer skins. L.B.C. 8:  
367 5248
- Nov. 19 — Liverpool — Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to John B.  
Whetten  
Have received from Gotts advice of goods as noted. Have  
accepted draft of A. & S. Henry against the Company's shipment.  
lp. 5249
- Nov. 20 — River St. Peter's — To Stephen A. Halsey  
Remained at Lapointe until Oct. 29, in order to get proper  
understanding of the real condition of Northern Outfit. Re  
difficulties of travel from Lapointe to St. Peter's. Hopes Sib-  
ley will be able to accompany him to Prairie du Chien for the  
settlement of affairs of Western Outfit. If Crooks return to

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New York is delayed, advises Halsey to arrange for meeting of directors of the Company on the day named in charter for declaring dividends but to delay fixing the rate till Crooks's return. Is unable to send statements from Northern and Western Outfits until settlements are concluded. Until muskrats are again in favor, profits in trade of Lake Superior will be mainly determined by fisheries. Consignment of supplies for Fort Snelling Outfit has not reached Sibley due to low water in the Mississippi. Garrison in fort is not adequately supplied by the sutler. Aitken is with Crooks but no arrangement has been made about the \$28,000 obtained in his own name under the Chippewa treaty. Will no longer confide to Aitken's mismanagement the business of Fond du Lac. Encloses letters to be forwarded to Europe at the request of Baraga and Borup. 6p. 5250

Nov. 20 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Re draft payable to Charles Gratiot to be charged to the account of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 5251

Nov. 20 -- Albany -- From John J. Taaffe  
Encloses check in payment of account. Wishes information about stock of muskrats, otters, etc. 1p. 5252

Nov. 20 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
Annexes statement of furs and skins shipped. Re muskrats on hand. L.B.C. 8:368 5253

Nov. 20 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Wishes directions about box of clothing. Has forwarded letters promptly. L.B.C. 8:369 5254

Nov. 21 -- Washington -- J. F. A. Sanford to John B. Whetten  
Details of delay in paying claims until reports of commissioners are examined. Fears half-breed claims will not be paid soon. Department says money will have to be paid to half-breeds in person. 2p. 5255

Nov. 21 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Received Department goods. Encloses order for 1839. [Not enclosed.] Rivers are freezing over. 1p. 5256

Nov. 21 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
Encloses draft and check to be credited on account. 1p. 5257

Nov. 21 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Have received raccoons. Request the Company to pay Center & Son for raccoons. 1p. 5258

Nov. 21 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Henry, Boulton  
Gun Works  
Re order for rifles of usual quality. L.B.C. 8:370 5259

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- Nov. 21 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Samuel Campbell,  
Athens, Pennsylvania  
Re order for wampum hair pipes. L.B.C. 8:371 5260
- Nov. 21 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to David Ellis, Troy  
Re reason for not filling order for robes. L.B.C. 8:372 5261
- Nov. 21 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Re shipment of robes subject to examination. Annexes  
bill. L.B.C. 8:373 5262
- Nov. 22 -- Troy -- David Ellis to John B. Whetten  
Re order for robes. lp. 5263
- Nov. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Stock of robes is unusually large. Have no news of tra-  
velers from Lapointe. Re drafts. lp. 5264
- Nov. 22 -- Boston -- Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Has not received any news of robes ordered. lp. 5265
- Nov. 22 -- Boston -- Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten.  
Encloses draft. lp. 5266
- Nov. 22 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, De-  
troit  
Re failure to collect funds for Garland's check. Encloses  
account of sales of furs. Details of accounts of robes.  
L.B.C. 8:374 5267
- Nov. 22 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill &  
Co., Liverpool  
Details of accounts. Re furs and skins shipped to Lampson.  
L.B.C. 8:375 5268
- Nov. 23 -- Troy -- David Ellis to John B. Whetten  
Encloses draft and orders more robes. 2p. 5269
- Nov. 23 -- Boston -- Martin Bates & Son to John B. Whetten  
Have received bill of lading and draft on Henry Hill. Di-  
rections for shipment of robes. lp. 5270
- Nov. 23 -- Boulton -- James Henry to John B. Whetten  
Will furnish 200 rifles at prices specified. Has some gun  
locks for sale. lp. 5271
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- William Kemble to John B. Whetten  
Authorized by DuPont to contract with the Company on the  
same terms as in 1837 altho brimstone and saltpeter have ad-  
vanced in price. lp. 5272

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- Nov. 23 -- Baltimore -- From Pearson & Sons  
Order for robes. 1p. 5273
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to B. Homes, Boston  
Encloses draft and check to be collected. L.B.C. 8:376  
5274
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallee, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 8:377 5275
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Chouteau & Mackenzie,  
St. Louis  
Has received drafts. L.B.C. 8:378 5276
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Henry E. Leman, Lan-  
caster, Pa.  
Order for rifles has been sent to Henry. L.B.C. 8:379  
5277
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Request that packing account be forwarded. Re drafts.  
L.B.C. 8:380 5278
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.,  
St. Louis  
Orders for goods have been given immediate attention.  
Loubet will furnish white blankets. Expects all goods to arrive  
at specified time. L.B.C. 8:381 5279
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to John J. Taaffe, Albany  
Re note. Expects to receive some otters soon. L.B.C. 8:  
382 5280
- Nov. 24 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Details Of Hollister's successful operation; authorized to  
draw drafts. Is glad the prospects for muskrats in London are  
so good and that spring prices will be high. Whetten should  
watch competitors. Hopes to hear soon of Crooks's arrival in  
New York. The "Crooks" is in winter quarters. 2p. 5281
- Nov. 24 -- New York -- William Kemble to John B. Whetten  
Received statement from DuPonts of powder to be forwarded  
from Brandywine to Pittsburgh. Encloses bill. 1p. 5282
- Nov. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to David Ellis, Troy  
Has received remittance on account. Annexes bill for  
robes. Details of quality of Upper Missouri robes. L.B.C. 8:  
383 5283

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- Nov. 24 — New York — John B. Whetten to J. F. A. Sanford,  
Washington  
Regrets that the Secretary of the Treasury does not seem  
disposed to pay claims of half-breeds. Have forwarded box of  
clothing. L.B.O. 8:384 5284
- Nov. 24 — New York — John B. Whetten to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Has forwarded robes. Re terms at which Upper Missouri  
robes will be sold. L.B.O. 8:385 5285
- Nov. 24 — New York — John B. Whetten to Treat & Carter, Buf-  
falo  
The Company is pleased with Treat & Carter's attention to  
business. Request annual account for storage, forwarding, etc.  
Hopes goods were forwarded to Brewster. L.B.O. 8:386 5286
- Nov. 24 — New York — John B. Whetten to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Has shipped robes. Re terms at which Upper Missouri robes  
will be sold. L.B.O. 8:387 5287
- Nov. 24 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Re certain bills. lp. 5288
- Nov. 26 — Boston — Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Re order for 10 bales of upper Missouri robes. lp. 5289
- Nov. 26 — New York — John B. Whetten to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Details of accounts forwarded and to be forwarded. Is  
pleased that Hollister is making good progress. Annexes memo-  
randum of sales of muskrats. L.B.O. 8:388-389 5290
- Nov. 27 — Hudson, New York — Lockwood & Co. to John B. Whet-  
ten  
Navigation is closed; do not wish robes shipped. lp. 5291
- Nov. 27 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Annexes memorandum of goods to be bought in New York.  
Voyageurs have not yet arrived at St. Pierre. lp. (French) 5292
- Nov. 27 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have shipped deer skins to New Orleans. Travelers from  
Lapointe had not reached Fort Snelling on Nov. 3. lp. 5293
- Nov. 27 — New York — John B. Whetten to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Annexes bill for Upper Missouri robes which will be for-  
warded at once. L.B.O. 8:390 5294
- Nov. 27 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pearson & Sons, Balti-  
more  
Annexes bill for robes forwarded. Crooks has not yet re-

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- turned from the interior. L.B.C. 8:391 5295
- Nov. 28 -- Albany -- Charles Lyon to John B. Whetten  
Encloses draft on payment of account. Requests statement  
of skins bought from the Company. 2p. 5296
- Nov. 28 -- Prairie du Chien -- Joseph Rolette to John B. Whetten  
Agent  
Draft drawn on the Company. 1p. 5297
- Nov. 29 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Details of enclosed draft. 1p. 5298
- Nov. 29 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Ezra S. Hamilton,  
Hartford  
Re shipment of robes. Annexes statement of account.  
L.B.C. 8:437 5299
- Nov. 30 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Encloses note to be collected. Hopes robes arrive before  
the close of navigation. L.B.C. 8:392 5300
- Nov. 30 -- New York -- Stephen A. Halsey to J. A. Sire  
Encloses bill of exchange as directed by Pratte, Chouteau  
& Co. L.B.C. 8:393 5301
- Nov. 30 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co., Liverpool  
Will forward furs to Lampson. Has drawn draft. L.B.C. 8:  
394 5302
- Nov. 30 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to G. M. Lampson, London  
Re invoices for muskrats and other furs shipped. Details  
of the quantity and kind of muskrats on hand. L.B.C. 8:395 5303
- Dec. 2 -- Troy -- David Ellis to John B. Whetten  
Details of order for Upper Missouri robes. 2p. 5304
- Dec. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Charles Lyon, Albany  
Has received check. Annexes statement of account. L.B.C.  
8:396 5305
- Dec. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Has made payment to Center & Son as requested. Draft has  
been paid. Bear skins arrived too late for shipment. L.B.C.  
8:397 5306
- Dec. 3 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re trouble in collecting drafts. Will guarantee the Com-  
pany against loss on Arkansas drafts. 1p. 5307



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- Dec. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has not received any remittances made by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Has sent funds to Sire, as directed. Encloses abstract of account and account of sales of furs sold in London. L.B.O. 8:398 5308
- Dec. 4 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Encloses Treasury warrant on Collector of Customs, New York, for the exact amount of claims allowed against the Sioux. This sum is to be placed to the credit of Chouteau & McKenzie and of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 5309
- Dec. 4 -- Washington -- J. F. A. Sanford to John B. Whetten  
Re funds forwarded to Crooks. Is pushing report of Sac commissioner. Report of Winnebago commissioner will only be adopted in part. Fears half-breed claims will remain in statu quo. lp. 5310
- Dec. 4 -- Buffalo -- Treat & Carter to John B. Whetten  
Are gratified that the Company is pleased with their management of forwarding business. Will send account of charges. Mitchell has requested the value of lost pack of furs. Re goods forwarded to Detroit. lp. 5311
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. L.B.O. 8:400 5312
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Goods were forwarded promptly. Matters concerning settlement with Juneau will be answered by Crooks. All Abbott's returns of 1838 have been sold. Some muskrats of 1837 remain unsold. The prospects abroad for furs are very encouraging. L.B.O. 8:401-402 5313
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Hopes navigation will open again, so robes can be shipped. L.B.O. 8:403 5314
- Dec. 6 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit  
Details of lack of funds in bank to meet Garland's check. Re account. Will send account of sales soon. Fears Crooks will be delayed in the interior. L.B.O. 8:404 5315
- Dec. 6 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to David Ellis, Troy  
Details of shipment of robes. L.B.O. 8:405 5316
- Dec. 6 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re order for merchandise. Encloses remittance on account.

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- Crooks has not yet returned. L.B.C. 8:407 5317
- Dec. 6 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Garland's check has been paid. L.B.C. 8:408 5318
- Dec. 6 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill &  
Co., Liverpool  
Re draft drawn in favor of Gott & Sons. L.B.C. 8:410 5319
- Dec. 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Winthrop Cunningham  
Encloses draft for \$188 to be sent to Baraga who is much  
in want of money. lp. 5320
- Dec. 7 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower, to John B. Whetten  
Enclose check for note collected. Last order of robes has  
not yet been received; is frozen in 20 miles down the river.  
lp. 5321
- Dec. 7 -- Troy -- Lockwood & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Robes have not yet been received; river is frozen. De-  
tails of efforts to collect money from a certain party and  
opinion of his financial status. lp. 5322
- Dec. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Have shipped deer skins. lp. 5323
- Dec. 7 -- Albany -- From John J. Taaffe  
Encloses notes according to agreement. lp. 5324
- Dec. 7 -- Liverpool -- Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to John B.  
Whetten  
Re contents of letter from Whetten. Lampson has not yet  
remitted bill on Hudson's Bay Co. lp. 5325
- Dec. 8 -- Prairie du Chien -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Details of his journey from St. Peter's to Prairie. Has  
sent Fairbanks to Sandy Lake, Aitken will remain at Prairie,  
and Franchere will proceed to Detroit. Affairs of Western Out-  
fit seem prosperous. Recommends again all directions about  
accounts and complete inventory, in order to be ready to declare  
dividends. Nearly all silver works are sold. Earbobs, tin  
kettles, etc., will be needed at Prairie. 3p. 5326
- Dec. 8 -- Washington -- J. F. A. Sanford to John B. Whetten  
Discussion of advertisement in the Globe by Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs for Indian blankets. Hopes to make profit-  
able arrangement on this. Bids are to be handed in by Dec. 24.  
lp. 5327
- Dec. 8 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Has drawn draft in favor of Charles Gratiot. lp. 5328

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- Dec. 10 — New York — John B. Whetten to Winthrop Cunningham,  
Philadelphia  
Funds for Baraga will be paid to him. L.B.C. 8:411 5329
- Dec. 10 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Details of remittance from Sanford of proceeds of claims  
against the Sioux Indians. L.B.C. 8:412 5330
- Dec. 10 — New York — John B. Whetten to J. F. A. Sanford,  
Washington  
Treasury Warrants have been credited as directed. Advise  
Sanford to decide about furnishing blankets. Time of Crooks's  
return is uncertain. Wishes to know when Chouteau is coming  
East. L.B.C. 8:413 5331
- Dec. 10 — New York — John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower, Al-  
bany  
Is grateful for collection of notes. L.B.C. 8:414 5332
- Dec. 10 — New York — John B. Whetten to John J. Taaffe, Al-  
bany  
Has received notes in payment for muskrats. Notes should  
be made payable in New York. L.B.C. 8:415 5333
- Dec. 10 — New York — John B. Whetten to Charles W. Borup,  
Lapointe  
Goods have been ordered from England. Has given special  
directions about twines. Details of drafts and accounts. An-  
nexes account of sales of furs. Discussion of prospects for  
the sale of muskrats. Fears Crooks will not reach New York  
before the close of the year. Re funds to be paid to Baraga.  
L.B.C. 8:416 5334
- Dec. 11 — Boulton — From James Henry  
Has shipped balance of rifles ordered. lp. 5335
- Dec. 11 — Utica — From Stocking & Hunt  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. Desire to know  
the prospects for red fox skins. lp. 5336
- Dec. 11 — New York — John B. Whetten to William Mitchell,  
Green Bay  
Discussion of careless packing of skins and poor manage-  
ment in shipping. Re statement of furs and skins supposed to  
be lost. L.B.C. 8:417-418 5337
- Dec. 11 — New York — John B. Whetten to Alexander Scrymgeour,  
Paterson  
Encloses certificate for stock of Paterson Fire Insurance  
Co. and power of attorney to transfer stock to Crooks. L.B.C.  
8:419 5338

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Dec. 12 — Prairie — To Stephen A. Halsey

Discussion of the failure in receipt of fall supplies; Dousman has been busy with wants of Stambaugh, Sibley and Sioux Outfit. Details of examination of account. Pratte, Chouteau & Co. have been overpaid \$15,000 by Western Outfit and \$12,000 in specie lies unavailable at Prairie because no safe way to get it to St. Louis. Encloses order of Northern Outfit for English goods in 1839; instructions for ordering. Gives quantity of twines required. If twine must be imported, order should be sent to Lampson who can secure information from Gov. Simpson concerning twines. Socks furnished by Bellows are too poor; will take no more. Describes preparation of orders, especially red flannel shirts. 4p. 5339

Dec. 12 — Prairie du Chien — From Hercules L. Dousman  
Order for goods. 1p.

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Dec. 12 — Detroit — From William Brewster

Sends annual account; remarks on business. Discussion of Northern Outfit and St. Marie Outfit accounts. Livingston should have success in buying since he is well supplied with whiskey and provisions. Discussion of reasons for fish sales being poor; expects to sell surplus in the spring; needs more storage room. Certain sugar will probably be sold by spring. Estimated at what property would bring in making inventories of what was on hand. Will probably sell robes during the winter. Further discussion of accounts. Saginaw claims will be paid Jan. 1839; Williams will get about \$20,000; will put the Company into debt with Department. Calls attention to inaccuracy. Suggestion for closing accounts for which money is collected. Brewster's private account should be kept separate; requests his statement. Re spoiled fish sent to Treat & Carter. Sends abstract of Department's account with that firm; bill of lading for powder. Re exorbitant freight for powder. All goods sent in November except a box of powder were received. Describes Livingston's treatment of men building the Sault warehouse. Discussion and directions about certain accounts. Re notes Major Larned and Lieut. Jamison could not pay. Re-fused Vallee's request for money and payments of Sibley's draft without instructions. 7p. 5341

Dec. 12 — St. Louis — From Chouteau &amp; Mackenzie

Details of draft drawn, in expectation that Sanford has made collections in Washington and placed the proceeds to the credit of Chouteau & Mackenzie. 1p.

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Dec. 12 — Glasgow — John H. Smith to the Company

Circular — Announces his entrance into commission business and will take orders for all kinds of Scotch fabrics. 1p.

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- Dec. 12 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Beausoliel has absconded to the States. Advises the Company to write to Jos. Vallee, Jr. lp. 5344
- Dec. 12 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of drafts and accounts. lp. 5345
- Dec. 13 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Introduces Barlow of the firm of Chouteau & Barlow. lp. 5346
- Dec. 13 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received account of sales of furs. Re drafts. lp. 5347
- Dec. 14 — Boston — Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Encloses draft and copy of account current. lp. 5348
- Dec. 15 — Manchester — Crafts & Stell to the Company  
Circular — Are ready to pay last installment to creditors. Solicit business directed to England. lp. 5349
- Dec. 15 — Portland — From Byron Greenough  
Order for robes. lp. 5350
- Dec. 15 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Have forwarded merchandise to St. Louis. Enclose bill of lading for furs and skins. 2p. 5351
- Dec. 15 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Packing accounts have arrived. Re payment received from underwriters for damage on furs. Are awaiting arrival of beaver which can be disposed of. L.B.C. 8:399 5352
- Dec. 17 — Detroit — William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Annual accounts sent. Last two letters should be opened if Crooks has not arrived. lp. 5353
- Dec. 18 — Detroit — William Brewster to John R. Livingston  
Reproof for conduct of business. Directions for erection of warehouse. Re spoiled fish. To buy all furs. Franchere will spend the winter in Detroit. 4p. Enclosed in no. 5359. 5354
- Dec. 18 — Detroit — William Brewster to Charles Borup  
Will observe directions accompanying order of provisions for 1839. Received specie and Crooks's letters from Smith. Exhorts Borup to do his best at Lapointe. Commends him for giving Smith's specie free passage to the Sault. Livingston said salt insurance could not be recovered. Sends certain accounts; reasons for balance against outfit. Prospects of high

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prices for furs at spring sale. 3p. Enclosed in no. 5372. 5355

Dec. 18 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Re drafts and sums and certain notes handed to the Company  
2p. 5356

Dec. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Requests that merchandise be shipped by Jan. 15. Re instructions for filling order. Guns and beads are especially needed. Merchandise for the Upper Missouri should be ready by Mar. 20. 2p. (French) 5357

Dec. 18 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Encloses draft on Collector of New York for amount of Sioux claim, \$28,047.17. 1p. 5358

Dec. 19 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Has received interesting letter from Crooks at St. Peter's  
Encloses nos. 5354 and 5360. 6p. 5359

Dec. 19 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Moses D. Burnett  
Order of salt. Enclosed in no. 5359. 1p. 5360

Dec. 19 -- Prairie du Chien -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Regular business of Western Outfit is adjusted without difficulty. Claims of old Company against the Indians, which were partially collected under Sioux and Winnebago treaties cause much trouble. Western Outfit at first claimed the whole sum. Crooks in conjunction with Astor's representative recommended more reasonable course. Dousman finally came to a written understanding with Stuart which was not carried out. No settlement took place. Dousman has kept whole of certificates granted by Commissioners as evidence of accounts admitted as good. Discussion of Crooks's view of the whole matter. Even greater difficulty is in prospect in regard to the \$28,000 under Chippewa treaty; Aitken refuses to make final settlement. Crooks will set out for Detroit, Dec. 23; will call on Gov. Dodge to settle about payment of Chippewa half-breeds next summer and may visit Milwaukee to obtain from Juneau some security for what he owes the Company at Mackinac. Will return to New York as soon as possible. 3p. 5361

Dec. 19 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower to John B. Whetten  
Encloses check. 1p. 5362

Dec. 19 -- Boston -- Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Has not received acknowledgement of draft and account current. 1p. 5363

Dec. 19 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Has credited draft on account. Annexes statement of account. L.B.C. 8:420 5364

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- Dec. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt,  
Utica  
Has received remittance on account. Re prospects for furs  
abroad. L.B.O. 8:421 5365
- Dec. 20 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
Has not received accounts for provisions sent to Portage  
for Du Bay. lp. 5366
- Dec. 20 — Prairie — To Stephen A. Halsey  
Requests insurance be secured on goods of Western Outfit  
and on house in village. Annexes diagram of property. Sees no  
indication of settlement with Aitken. 3p. 5367
- Dec. 20 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Re remittance to the Company reported by San-  
ford. Travelers from Lapointe had arrived safely at St.  
Peter's Nov. 20. lp. 5368
- Dec. 20 — New York — John B. Whetten to J. F. A. Sanford,  
Washington  
Hopes Sanford will be successful with Winnebago claims.  
Annexes copy of Astor's letter to the Secretary of War pro-  
testing against this payment. Agent of the firm of Suydam,  
Jackson & Co. will see Sanford on the subject of blankets. Re  
blankets ordered from England. L.B.O. 8:422 5369
- Dec. 22 — Prairie — To Stephen A. Halsey  
Details of settlement with Aitken; Aitken is to withdraw  
from Northern Outfit at once and not to interfere in any trade  
or fisheries. Discussion of division of funds. Re necessity  
for harmony among those connected in backwoods operations.  
Details of gains and losses since 1834. Discussion of accounts  
with Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Will depart for Detroit at once.  
3p. 5370
- Dec. 22 — New York — John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower, Al-  
bany  
Has credited check on account. L.B.O. 8:423 5371
- Dec. 24 — Detroit — William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Fur operations are successful. Crooks says Western Outfit  
affairs are in good condition. Crooks may stop on his way to  
New York. Encloses no. 5355. lp. 5372
- Dec. 24 — Boulton — From James Henry  
Has sent the remainder of order of rifles. Wishes change  
in term of credit. lp. 5373
- Dec. 24 — Utica — Stocking & Hunt to John B. Whetten  
Enclose draft in payment of robes. lp. 5374

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- Dec. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhaus,  
Philadelphia  
Encloses check for balance on account. L.B.C. 8:424 5375
- Dec. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
Leeds  
Encloses order for merchandise. Requests earliest delivery possible. Colored blankets should be of better quality than those furnished in 1837. L.B.C. 8:425 5376
- Dec. 24 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has received account of sales from Lampson. Re draft in favor of Gott & Sons. L.B.C. 8:426 5377
- Dec. 25 -- Hartford -- From Ezra S. Hamilton  
Needs a few good robes for particular customers. Order for robes. 1p. 5378
- Dec. 26 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhaus to John B. Whetten  
Acknowledge receipt for balance of account. 1p. 5379
- Dec. 26 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re furs and skins ready to forward. 2p. 5380
- Dec. 26 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for deer skins. 1p. 5381
- Dec. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have drawn draft. 1p. 5382
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
The Company is highly gratified with Lampson's sales and flattering prospects for high prices in 1839. Expects to have larger proportion of collections than in the past. Expects large collection of raccoons from Michigan. Has little fear of Hotte and other opponents. Crooks had to walk the entire distance from Lake Superior to Fort Snelling. Regrets that demand for muskrats is diminishing. Invoices and bills of lading are sent regularly. L.B.C. 8:427-428 5383
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Crooks and Charles Chouteau reached Fort Snelling, Nov. 18, after walking the entire distance from Lapointe. L.B.C. 8:429 5384
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts. Packs have arrived in good order. Has sold deer skins. Re news from Crooks. L.B.C. 8:430 5385



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Dec. 26 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Hercules L. Dousman,  
Prairie du Chien

Re collection of claims under Indian treaties. Astor has protested against payment of claims granted under Winnebago treaty. Claims are in the hands of Sanford. Has followed Crooks's instructions about funds collected for Aitken. Merchandise has been ordered from England. L.B.C. \$:431 5386

Dec. 27 -- Albany -- Charles Lyon to John B. Whetten

Encloses draft to be credited on buffalo robes. Last robes very inferior; customers complain. Asks price for 10,000 very superior muskrats. 2p. 5387

Dec. 27 -- Bordeaux -- From Joseph Sire

Discussion of accounts. 1p. (French) 5388

Dec. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Henry, Boulton  
Gun Works

Report of rifles received. Will accept drafts. Re order for old English rifles. L.B.C. \$:432 5389

Dec. 28 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup

Details of difficulties of fishing business. Weather has been very unfavorable. Indians have lost many nets and lines. Has had to give credit to fishermen. Regrets that treaty was not brought to final close. Even if half-breed money is paid at Lapointe, it will make people less industrious. Requests attention to filling of orders. Details of twine and lines needed. Has ordered James Ermatinger not to make any movements in the spring until given directions. Re great importance to receive early notice concerning Indian payments. Discussion of arrangements for provisions. Details of routes for shipping goods. Urges need for fish inspector at Lapointe. Re plans for new boat. Conciliation of half-breeds is not easy. Details of attention to different posts. (Northern Outfit Letters) 1lp. 5390

Dec. 28 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston

Reply to criticism made by Brewster of management of the post. Encloses letter of protest to Brewster. 3p. 5391

Dec. 28 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston

Statement of men and oxen needed for cutting a mill race. Fish have been received from Peck. 2p. 5392

Dec. 28 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford

Encloses drafts on collector of New York to be credited to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Delay on Winnebago claims is very annoying. 1p. 5393

Dec. 28 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster,  
Detroit

Brewster's account of Hollister's proceedings is highly

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satisfactory. Prospects abroad are still flattering. Encloses copies of Lamson's letters. Hotte is still in New York. Complaint against Livingston, etc., must await return of Crooks. Regrets bad management of fishing business. Erection of any new establishment must be considered by Crooks. Favor proposed arrangement with Newberry & Co. Advises that robes be sold even at reduced prices. Discussion of Treat & Carter's charges for powder and bill for damaged fish. Details of notes, claims, payments, etc. Does not expect to see Crooks before January.  
L.B.C. 8:433-435 5394

Dec. 28 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt,  
Utica  
Has credited remittance on account. L.B.C. 8:436 5395

Dec. 29 -- Boston -- From Barzillai Homes  
Encloses checks and bank bill to be credited on account.  
lp. 5396

Dec. 29 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Louis Nolin  
Re half-breed payments at Lapointe and claims presented to Gov. Dodge. Desires order of merchandise thru John Livingston.  
[Much of letter illegible]. lp. 5397

Dec. 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Details of drafts drawn. lp. (French) 5398

Dec. 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have no news from Prairie du Chien since the arrival of Charles Chouteau. Will send Sanford's mail to the Company.  
Have given Throckmorton letter of credit for \$5,000. lp. 5399

Dec. 29 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Vallée, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Details of items in accounts. L.B.C. 8:438 5400

Dec. 29 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Treat & Carter,  
Buffalo  
Desires account for forwarding, etc., at once. Re powder not received by Brewster. L.B.C. 8:439 5401

Dec. 30 -- Washington -- From Charles H. Gratiot to John B.  
Whetten  
Request to forward letter to Havre. lp. 5402

Dec. 31 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Benjamin F. Hollister  
Authorization to draw drafts on the Company. Enclosed in no. 5404. lp. 5403

Dec. 31 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John B. Whetten  
Describes operations of agents and competitors. James

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Abbott is probably Hoette's agent. Rivalry is great. Encloses  
no. 5403. 3p. 5404

Dec. 31 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Inquiry about orders not filled. Suggests shipment to  
Boston is no packets are running to Portland. 1p. 5405

Dec. 31 -- Perrysburg -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per J.  
Hollister & Co.)  
Notice of draft. 1p. 5406

Dec. 31 -- Utica -- Stocking & Hunt to John B. Whetten  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. Will take more  
robes on certain terms. 1p. 5407

Dec. 31 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
Leeds  
Encloses duplicate of order for goods. L.B.C. 8:440 5408

Dec. 31 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Charles Lyon, Albany  
Has credited check on account. Re muskrats on hand. Has  
had no other complaints about robes. L.B.C. 8:441 5409

Dec. 31 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Re drafts received from Sanford. Details of certain drafts  
of Henry Chouteau protested. L.B.C. 8:442 5410

Dec. 31 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. F. A. Sanford,  
Washington  
Has received drafts. Hopes Sanford can collect claims  
under Winnebago treaty. Re directions from Chouteau that San-  
ford is to come to New York and assist in selection of goods.  
L.B.C. 8:443 5411

Dec. 31 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose abstract of account current for last six months,  
showing balance of 12335. 10 . 6 in Wildes, Pickersgill &  
Company's favor. 1p. 5412

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[Some place on Lake Superior] -- To William Brewster  
Has heard all coopers necessary can be engaged in Canada.  
1p. Enclosed in no. 6672. 5413

-- -- -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Is going where Ewings have made contracts; some contractors  
will sell if furs are taken at night. Enclosed in no. 5813. 1p.  
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-- -- -- Astor to Poinsett (Memorandum)

Crooks is going to Washington to ascertain the fate of the certificates granted at Prairie du Chien under treaty concluded with Winnebagoes Nov. 1, 1837 to traders for debts due them by Indians. None of the claimants for debts doubted that amounts awarded would be paid and are surprised at the plan to send new commission to investigate entire claims. Creditors should not be punished for Cameron and Murray's deviation from instructions. Details of the sale of many of these certificates. Government promised to pay the drafts in New York. 2p. Western Outfit Miscellaneous, 1837-1847. 5415

Jan. 1 -- Perrysburgh -- B. F. Hollister to the Company  
Notification of draft. 1p. 5416

Jan. 1 -- Oswego -- From Bronson & Croker  
Re correction in invoice of fish. 1p. 5417

Jan. 1 -- Boulton -- James Henry to John B. Whetten  
Directions about route of shipping rifles and delay at Perth Amboy. Will fill order for old English pattern rifles as requested. 1p. 5418

Jan. 2 -- Hartford -- E. S. Hamilton to the Company  
Upper Missouri robes just received are better than any previous orders. Order for three bales additional. 1p. 5419

Jan. 2 -- Ance Quivinan -- Ambrose Davenport to Charles W. Borup  
Has found suitable place to build establishment. Re description of proposed establishment. Will not need any barrel stuff from Lapointe. Berthkeht gets Indian trade because he gives them credit. Indians went to the Sault for goods in the fall. Wishes instructions about dealing with the Indians. Enclosed in no. 5482 & 5533. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839). 2p. 5420

Jan. 2 -- Pittsburgh -- From Thomas M. Weldon & Co.  
Circular -- Announce that they have begun commission business. 1p. 5421

Jan. 2 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Introduces Montreal lawyer who is going to New Orleans via New York. 1p. 5422

Jan. 3 -- Athens, Pa. -- Samuel Campbell to John B. Whetten  
Details of order for hair pipes. 1p. 5423

Jan. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose for collection certificate on Indian Department and draft on War Department. Fremont says draft will be paid on presentation. 1p. 5424

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- Jan. 3 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Details of certain draft drawn by a clergyman. lp. 5425
- Jan. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhauss,  
Philadelphia  
Annexes list of sundry articles wanted for St. Louis  
trade; requests prices. Sanford will select goods in Phila-  
delphia if prices are satisfactory. L.B.C. 8:444 5426
- Jan. 3 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Has credited draft on account. Robes may be obtained from  
Halsey's agent. L.B.C. 8:445 5427
- Jan. 4 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to John B.  
Whetten  
Re prices of mitts, caps, and beads of all kinds. Wish to  
sell 200 northwest guns to the Company. Will be glad to have  
Sanford inspect goods in warehouse. lp. 5428
- Jan. 4 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Encloses check to be credited on account. Upper Missouri  
robes are not satisfactory and prices are too high. 2p. 5429
- Jan. 4 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Has just returned from the West. Wishes 1/4 of 1 per cent  
added to his commission for getting the \$28,000 on the East.  
lp. 5430
- Jan. 4 -- Buffalo -- Assignees of Treat & Carter to John B.  
Whetten  
Enclose account desired by the Company. Re delay in lake  
navigation due to ice. lp. 5431
- Jan. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to E. S. Hamilton,  
Hartford  
Has forwarded robes; annexes bill. L.B.C. 8:446 5432
- Jan. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Encloses note for payment. L.B.C. 8:447 5433
- Jan. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Henry, Boulton  
Gun Works  
Rifles have not been received. Re order for certain kind  
of gun locks. L.B.C. 8:448 5434
- Jan. 4 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to B. Homes, Boston  
Has credited remittance on account. L.B.C. 8:449 5435
- Jan. 5 -- Maskinouge, Canada -- From Clement H. Beaulieu  
Application for position of employment agent in Canada for  
the Company. lp. 5436

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- Jan. 5 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Directions about remittance to be made by  
Sanford. 1p. 5437
- Jan. 5 — New York — John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhauss,  
Philadelphia  
Re order for gloves, mitts and caps. Wishes samples and  
prices of beads. Has no need for guns. L.B.C. 8:460 5438
- Jan. 6 — Fort Winnebago — From J. B. Du Bay  
Will have to go to Green Bay for provisions; there are  
none at Winnebago. Has bought corn at the portage. Details of  
difficulties of travel. Is uncertain about trade prospects.  
2p. 5439
- Jan. 7 — Lapointe — From Charles W. Borup  
Re alterations in order for goods. Has advised Oakes to  
bring John Aitken to Lapointe if Aitken is likely to injure the  
Company's interests at Fond du Lac. Will send another petition  
to Gov. Dodge about half-breed payments. Must have additional  
provisions. 3p. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839). 5440
- Jan. 7 — Syracuse — From Moses D. Burnett  
Has received request that he bid on 2450 barrels of coarse  
salt. Re time of delivery. Manufacturers will raise price of  
coarse salt. 1p. 5441
- Jan. 7 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for bale of skins. 1p. 5442
- Jan. 7 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Notice that delayed bale of skins has been forwarded. 1p.  
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- Jan. 8 — Philadelphia — Geisse & Korckhauss to John B. Whet-  
ten  
Annex bill for mitts, gloves and caps. Charles Geisse  
will show to the Company sample of beads. Hope beads will be  
satisfactory. 1p. 5444
- Jan. 8 — St. Louis — From Kenneth Mackenzie  
Is disappointed at not seeing Crooks in the West. Re  
sending Mackenzie's brother in Scotland a remittance. Requests  
Crooks pay certain sums to several individuals. Inquires about  
Crooks's purchasing of Astor's lands. 2p. 5445
- Jan. 8 — Fredericksburg — From Virginia Rolette  
Re brother's illness. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous).  
1p. 5446
- Jan. 8 — New York — John B. Whetten to Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 8:463 5447

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- Jan. 9 — Boulton — James Henry to John B. Whetten  
 Regrets delay in forwarding rifles at Perth Amboy. Will  
 send gun locks by stage. Has drawn draft on the Company. lp. 5448
- Jan. 9 — New York — William Kemble to John B. Whetten  
 Details of order for powder and prices. Has forwarded  
 order to DuPonts. lp. 5449
- Jan. 9 — Troy — Lockwood & Co. to John B. Whetten  
 Remittance of \$2000 on account being sent by special mes-  
 senger. It is very difficult to make remittances as there are  
 few persons to be intrusted with packages of money. Have some  
 robes on hand. lp. 5450
- Jan. 9 — New York — John B. Whetten to Samuel Campbell,  
 Athens, Pa.  
 Directions for packing and shipping pipes. L.B.C. 8:464 5451
- Jan. 9 — New York — John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Or-  
 leans  
 Will ship goods for Pierre Chouteau, Jr. soon. Re packs  
 received. L.B.C. 8:465 5452
- Jan. 9 — New York — John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
 Correspondence will receive attention when Crooks returns.  
 Guns from Lacy & Co. have not been landed. Details of musk-  
 rats. Discussion of plans for sale of beaver. Encloses invoi-  
 ces for furs and skins. Hotte has gone to lake country. Re  
 Brewster's plans to control large collections. L.B.C. 8:466-  
 467 5453
- Jan. 10 — Hartford — E. S. Hamilton to John B. Whetten  
 Encloses check to be credited on account. lp. 5454
- Jan. 10 — Albany — Charles Lyon & Co. to John B. Whetten  
 Order 2000 St. Peters muskrats. If these are satisfactory  
 will order 10,000. lp. 5455
- Jan. 10 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Re enclosed drafts. lp. 5456
- Jan. 10 — New York — John B. Whetten to Lacy & Reynolds, Lon-  
 don  
 Guns will be examined when Crooks returns. L.B.C. 8:468 5457
- Jan. 10 — New York — John B. Whetten to Benjamin Gott & Sons,  
 Leeds  
 Has received invoices of goods which have arrived in port.  
 Expects Crooks to arrive soon. L.B.C. 8:469 5458

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- Jan. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Re order for flints. Will direct Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to settle account. L.B.O. 8:470 5459
- Jan. 11 -- Fort Wayne -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Details of operations. 2p. Enclosed in no. 5644. 5460
- Jan. 11 -- Portland -- Byron Greenough to John B. Whetten  
Re order for robes and inquiry about delay in shipment. 1p. 5461
- Jan. 11 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower to John B. Whetten  
Request for suggestions as to prices to be paid for transportation of furs. 1p. 5462
- Jan. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Request payment to be made to Samuel Palmer by bill on London. 1p. 5463
- Jan. 11 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Has given special attention to order for domestic goods. French blankets have been received; English goods are in port. Will ship entire order via New Orleans. Vermillion is very scarce and very high. L.B.O. 8:471 5464
- Jan. 11 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses abstract of account. May ship beaver to London. Sanford has gone to Washington. Expects Crooks in a week. L.B.O. 8:472 5465
- Jan. 11 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to William Brewster, Detroit  
The Company is surprised at the failure of Treat & Carter. Details of claims against Treat & Carter. Must prevent Hottel from getting any raccoons. Lampson expects high prices to prevail. Directors of the Company met Jan. 7 to declare dividend. Amount cannot be determined until Crooks arrives with papers of Northern and Western Outfits. L.B.O. 8:473-474 5466
- Jan. 12 -- Liberty, Ohio -- B. F. Hollister to William Brewster  
Has drawn on the Company for \$1,000. Made contract with Millman for furs. Messrs. Ewings have been to the Company's agents without success. Millman has shipped with Compere the last two years. Thinks he can buy collection at Pigria. Enclosed in no. 5510. 1p. 5467
- Jan. 12 -- Liberty, Ohio -- B. F. Hollister to William Brewster  
Re contract with Millman. Enclosed in no. 5644. 1p. 5468



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- Jan. 12 -- Liberty, Ohio -- B. F. Hollister to the Company.  
Draft drawn. 1p. 5469
- Jan. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Re order for additional nails. Thinks powder should be at  
Pittsburgh early in March. Sanford advises prosecution of  
Webster. 1p. (French) 5470
- Jan. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Has purchased all articles on memorandum. No vermilion  
but shipment expected soon. Advises the Company to buy all of  
it. 1p. 5471
- Jan. 12 -- Boston -- Orr N. Towne to John B. Whetten  
Encloses draft. 1p. 5472
- Jan. 12 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Encloses drafts which have been accepted. L.B.C. 8:475  
5473
- Jan. 12 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Has credited remittance on account. Regrets that robes  
were not satisfactory. L.B.C. 8:476 5474
- Jan. 14 -- Lapointe -- Charles W. Borup to Ambrose Davenport  
Discussion of supplies and workmen for Davenport. Urges  
that all work possible be done before spring. Advises Daven-  
port to be conciliatory toward Indians and get them to hunt and  
trade. Discussion of Davenport's duties. (Northern Outfit  
Letters 1839). Enclosed in no. 5482 & 5533. 4p. 5475
- Jan. 14 -- Detroit -- From Robert Stuart  
Thinks the new Company should be compensated for action in  
regard to treaty; no justice in treaty claims of Dousman and  
Sibley; fears trouble between old and new Company. 2p. 5476
- Jan. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to E. S. Hamilton,  
Hartford  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 8:477 5477
- Jan. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to James Henry, Boulton  
Gun Works  
Has received gun locks and rifles. Annexes statement of  
account. L.B.C. 8:478 5478
- Jan. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower,  
Albany  
Prospects for furs are very promising. Expects same prices  
as in 1838 except for fox skins which sold very dull at Leipsic  
sale. L.B.C. 8:479 5479

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- Jan. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 8:480 5480
- Jan. 14 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhauss,  
Philadelphia  
Wishes goods purchased by Sanford to be forwarded to New  
York. Re directions to purchase vermillion. L.B.C. 8:481 5481
- Jan. 15 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Re changes in order for goods. Must have good quality of  
castor oil. Morrison has reported situation of affairs at the  
Ance. Warren will take half-breed petition to governor. Con-  
siders Capt. Wood a capable man. Encloses nos. 5420, 5440, and  
5475. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839). 2p. 5482
- Jan. 15 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to John B.  
Whetten  
Enclose invoice for goods shipped. Hope the Company will  
purchase beads; have many varieties in stock. 2p. 5483
- Jan. 15 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Will fill orders according to instructions. Will buy  
finer blankets. Have received the Company's credit on Wildes,  
Pickersgill & Co. 1p. 5484
- Jan. 15 -- Fredericksburg -- From Virginia Rolette  
Brother's illness prevents him from returning to New York.  
1p. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous). 5485
- Jan. 15 -- Pittsburgh -- From Joseph Throckmorton  
Re draft drawn. 1p. 5486
- Jan. 16 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to John B.  
Whetten  
Discussion of efforts to buy vermillion. 1p. 5487
- Jan. 16 -- Ance Quivinan -- Ambrose Davenport to Charles W.  
Borup  
Describes difficulties with Indians and with George  
Berthkeht. Is preparing barrel stuff. 2p. (Northern Outfit  
Letters 1839) 5488
- Jan. 16 -- Manchester -- Thomas & Robert Hope to Benjamin  
Gott & Sons  
Will fill entire orders in time stated. Worsted has  
advanced 2 pence per pound and bindings in proportion. Will  
fill present order at former rates. 1p. Enclosed in no. 5616  
5489
- Jan. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have drawn draft. A. P. Chouteau died Dec. 25 near Fort  
Gibson. Will ship deer skins. 1p. 5490
- Jan. 16 -- Albany -- From John J. Taaffe  
Inquires about supply of otter skins. 1p. 5491

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- Jan. 16 — New York — John B. Whetten to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Account of sales from Lampson is correct. Requests that goods for shipment be stowed according to directions. Re furs shipped to Lampson. L.B.C. 8:482 5492
- Jan. 16 — New York — John B. Whetten to Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
Details of inaccuracy of account for storage, forwarding, etc. Encloses account as the Company have made it out. Hopes Treat & Carter will see Crooks. L.B.C. 8:483 5493
- Jan. 17 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Discussion of financial embarrassment due to inability to make collections. All consignments will be placed under the name of William de la Rue but will receive attention as before. 2p. 5494
- Jan. 17 — Montreal — Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten  
Draft drawn. Details of newspaper subscription. 1p. 5495
- Jan. 17 — New York — John B. Whetten to Geisse & Korckhaus, Philadelphia  
Re directions about vermillion. L.B.C. 8:484 5496
- Jan. 17 — New York — John B. Whetten to Byron Greenough, Portland  
Re shipment of robes. Annexes bill. L.B.C. 9:1 5497
- Jan. 18 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Buyer in upper Canada was successful. Sprague is buying near Grand River and the western part of the state. Has heard from Burnett about salt. 1p. 5498
- Jan. 18 — Philadelphia — Geisse & Korkchauss to John B. Whetten  
Re difficulties about vermillion. 1p. 5499
- Jan. 19 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Powell & Co. get much better prices for beaver and otter than the Company obtains. 1p. 5500
- Jan. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has forwarded drafts to Sanford. Sanford has reported that the Winnebago claims have not been accepted. Encloses account of sales of deer skins from London. L.B.C. 9:2 5501
- Jan. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Details of enclosed drafts. Goods for St. Louis are ready for shipment. Hopes decision concerning Winnebago claims will be reversed. L.B.C. 9:3 5502

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- Jan. 19 — New York — John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
Has sold beaver to Oppenheim at high price. Lacy & Co.'s  
guns are good articles but the prices are too high. Has kept  
sample gun for Crooks's inspection. L.B.C. 9:4 5503
- Jan. 20 — New York — To Lyon & Co., Albany  
Has received note from Van Tine. Hopes Lyon will be suc-  
cessful in collecting funds. L.B.C. 11:304 5504
- Jan. 21 — New York — John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Or-  
leans  
Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to St.  
Louis. Re insurance arrangements. L.B.C. 9:5 5505
- Jan. 21 — New York — To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Encloses certificate in favor of Bailly for claims under  
Sioux treaty and of Pion under Winnebago treaty. L.B.C. 9:6 5506
- Jan. 22 — Lapointe — Charles W. Borup to Morrison  
Discussion of policy in dealing with the Indians. Urges  
that men be kept busy. 1p. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839) 5507
- Jan. 22 — Lapointe — Charles W. Borup to William Davenport  
Morrison will spend the spring at Sandy Lake. Urges  
Davenport to go to Leech Lake to conduct trade. Morrison un-  
derstands keeping accounts. Must have regular records from all  
posts. Re instructions for conducting business. 3p. (Northern  
Outfit Letters 1839) 5508
- Jan. 23 — Detroit — From Bela Chapman  
Has discussed with Abbott about getting supplies from the  
Company to carry on trade at Mackinac. States terms desired.  
2p. 5509
- Jan. 23 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Details of operations of the Company's buyers. Consider-  
able advances are necessary. Fur dealers keep him informed of  
the movements of Abbott and the Ewings. Instructs agents to  
get skins at any price. 1p. Encloses no. 5467. 5510
- Jan. 23 — Washington — From Alexis Bailly  
Details of accounts. Requests balance be forwarded. 1p. 5511
- Jan. 23 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Ohouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts. 1p. 5512
- Jan. 23 — Fredericksburg — From Elizabeth Rolette  
Re brother's illness and increased expenses. (Western  
Outfit Miscellaneous). 1p. 5513

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- Jan. 23 — Washington — From J. F. A. Sanford  
Encloses drafts. All Pottawatomie payments have been pro rata. Details of claims against the Sioux. Discussion of Winnebago claims. 2p. 5514
- Jan. 23 — New York — John B. Whetten to Charles Lyon & Co., Albany  
Has shipped muskrats. States prices. L.B.O. 9:7 5515
- Jan. 24 — Lapointe — Charles W. Borup to Ambrose Davenport  
Instructions for dealing with George Berthkeht. Suggests that Davenport know Indians well enough to deal with them successfully. Details of plan. Discussion of building good wharf, fish store and cooper's shop. Emphasizes necessity for securing furs. 3p. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839) 5516
- Jan. 24 — New York — To John Mackenzie, Ross-shire, Scotland  
Encloses draft as directed by Kenneth Mackenzie. L.B.O. 9:8 5517
- Jan. 24 — Philadelphia — Geisse & Korckhauss to John B. Whetten  
Re shipment of vermillion. Have forwarded draft on the Company. Ask for Company's note for bill of beads and other articles. 2p. 5518
- Jan. 24 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. 1p. 5519
- Jan. 25 — New York — To Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Has made remittance to Mackenzie's brother. Will make payment to Hudson's Bay Co. as directed. L.B.O. 9:9 5520
- Jan. 25 — New York — To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Is grateful for collection of claims. Discussion of the futility of Astor's raising conflicting claims under Winnebago treaty. L.B.O. 9:10-11 5521
- Jan. 25 — Washington — From J. F. A. Sanford  
Re accounts. Winnebago claims have not been decided; Sioux claim of Bailly and Rolette has not been decided. Requests information about Astor's protest. 1p. 5522
- Jan. 26 — New York — To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Regrets that vermillion has arrived so late. Re direction for repacking boxes of vermillion and forwarding to Ronaud. Encloses note in payment of account. L.B.O. 9:12 5523
- Jan. 26 — New York — To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Details of rate of commission charged by Nourse. L.B.O. 9:13 5524

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- Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Alexis Bailly, Washington  
Encloses check in payment of balance of account. L.B.C.  
9:14 5525
- Jan. 26 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for merchandise to be forwarded to  
Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Firm of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. terminates  
in the spring of 1839. L.B.C. 9:15 5526
- Jan. 26 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to John B.  
Whetten  
Enclose receipt for remaining boxes of vermillion, to-  
gether with the bill. lp. 5527
- Jan. 26 -- Fort Wayne -- B. F. Hollister to William Brewster  
Notice of draft drawn. lp. Enclosed in no. 5551. 5528
- Jan. 26 -- Fort Wayne -- B. F. Hollister to the Company  
Draft drawn. lp. 5529
- Jan. 26 -- Buffalo -- From Hunter, Palmer & Co.  
Palmer is up the lake and expects to settle with Hills.  
lp. 5530
- Jan. 27 -- Defiance -- B. F. Hollister to William Brewster (per  
Fury)  
Hoette has put prices up. Colerick thinks Comparet will  
sign the Company's contract. Operations of Hoette and the  
Ewings. Enclosed in no. 5551. lp. 5531
- Jan. 27 -- Defiance -- B. F. Hollister to William Brewster  
It is necessary that he see Brewster at Perrysburg as soon  
as possible. 2p. Enclosed in no. 5551. 5532
- Jan. 28 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Fond du Lac department is quiet. Bonga is at Leech Lake;  
expects Davenport to go there. Thinks new system of trade  
with the Indians will give every advantage next year. Has no  
fears for the safety of the Company's people and property.  
Desires to get Berthkeht out of country. Hunts at Ance and  
Grand Island are very poor; expects fishing to be better. DuBay  
has left for Green Bay to get provisions. Details of Western  
Outfit accounts. Has received directions from Stanard for pre-  
parations of materials for new schooner. Urges Crooks's presence  
at Lapoints in May or June. Encloses nos. 5420 and 5475. 5p.  
(Northern Outfit Letters 1839). 5533
- Jan. 28 -- Mackinac -- From Michael Dousman  
Falbert will go to New York during the winter. George D.  
Dousman desires to have appointment as inspector at the port of  
Milwaukee. 2p. 5534

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- Jan. 28 — Philadelphia — From Geisse & Korckhaus  
Suggest that the Company ship vermilion via New Orleans rather than via Pittsburgh. Desire the Company to take the remaining northwest guns made according to the Company's sample. lp. 5535
- Jan. 28 — Defiance — B. F. Hollister to the Company (per Furey)  
Draft drawn. lp. 5536
- Jan. 29 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
Is glad that Sibley received so much from the Indians; Lawe, Portier, Amable, and Paul Grignon had few claims allowed. Has instructed Mitchell to sell DuBay's goods. lp. 5537
- Jan. 29 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts. Re certain payments not yet received from the Indian Department. Regret the death of A. P. Chouteau. L.B.O. 9:16-17 5538
- Jan. 29 — New York — To Pierre, Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Encloses invoices for merchandise. Sanford assisted Whetten in purchasing goods. Has filled order early due to expected advance in prices of dry goods. Details of plans for filling other requisitions. L.B.O. 9:18-19 5539
- Jan. 29 — New York — To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Details of drafts paid. L.B.O. 9:21 5540
- Jan. 29 — New York — To Samuel Campbell, Athens, Pa.  
Re directions about wampum hair pipes. L.B.O. 9:22 5541
- Jan. 29 — Sault Ste. Marie — From John R. Livingston  
Request for coopers. Reply to Brewster's criticism of failure to erect storehouse, and for error in report of shipment of fish. Enclosure of extract from Brewster's letter to Livingston. 3p. 5542
- Jan. 29 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 5543
- Jan. 29 — Washington — From J. F. A. Sanford  
Department has decided against report of Winnebago commissioners. Details of probable procedure about the matter. Has heard of death of Col. A. P. Chouteau at Fort Gibson. 2p. 5544
- Jan. 30 — Washington — From Alexis Bailly  
Indian Bureau [?] and Secretary of War will not pay any drafts or half breed certificates until readjudicated by commissioners. lp. 5545

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- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has not received vermillion. Wishes delay in shipment investigated. L.B.C. 9:23 5546
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Robert Stuart, Detroit  
Has settled amicably with Astor. Hopes settlement will be satisfactory to Stuart. L.B.C. 9:24 5547
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Has arranged matter of Indian claims which Astor had persuaded War Department not to pay. Astor will withdraw his opposition. Pierre Chouteau wishes information about payment of Webster's note. Will have to sue Webster unless he provides payment. Desires Cameron to insist on early decision of traders' claims under Winnebago treaty. L.B.C. 9:25-26 5548
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Moses D. Burnett, Syracuse  
Discussion of new terms stated by Burnett for supply of salt in 1839. L.B.C. 9:27 5549
- Jan. 31 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Re special items in accounts which are to be credited to Western Outfit. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous) lp. 5550
- Jan. 31 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Leaves for the Maumee to see what Hollister has done. Competition as high as in purchasing season. Encloses nos. 5528, 5531, and 5532. 2p. 5551
- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Wishes to have exact date of payment of certain claim by the government. L.B.C. 9:28 5552
- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Encloses abstract of account. L.B.C. 9:29 5553
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Samuel Palmer, Chipping Norton, Eng.  
Re bill of exchange forwarded at the request of James A. Hamilton of St. Louis. L.B.C. 9:30 5554
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Charles H. Gratiot, Brandywine, Del.  
Annexes copy of account. L.B.C. 9:31 5555
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Has purchased blankets from Suydam, Jackson & Co. Will ship vermillion on the next packet. L.B.C. 9:32 5556
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has forwarded letter to England, as requested. Discussion of prices which the Company and Powell have received for furs and skins. The Company is not afraid to compare entire sales



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of any year with Powell or any other seller. L.B.C. 9:33-34

5557

Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Bela Chapman, Detroit

The Company will not accept any new arrangement for trade of Mackinac. L.B.C. 9:35

5558

Feb. 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korkhaus

Re delay in transportation due to ice in Delaware. lp.

5559

Feb. 2 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Re shipment of merchandise to be forwarded to St. Louis.

L.B.C. 9:36

5560

Feb. 2 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Details of accounts. Crooks approves Abbott's course in management of the Company's concerns. Fear provisions for DuBay will not reach the Portage before winter sets in. Discussion of Juneau's financial affairs. The Company does not wish to extend Mackinac business but do not wish to sacrifice property. L.B.C. 9:37-39

5561

Feb. 2 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien

Annexes copy of agreement with Astor concerning Indian claims. Annexes memorandum of all claims. L.B.C. 9:40-42

5562

Feb. 2 -- Georgetown -- From Sisters of the Visitation

Re Miss Rolette's extended visit in Virginia. Fear she will lose all taste for study after mixing with society so long. Forwards receipt for funds drawn for Miss Rolette. lp.

5563

Feb. 2 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford

Commissioner has promised to adjust Sioux claims. Winnebago claims have been rejected. New commission will be ordered. lp.

5564

Feb. 2 -- Montreal -- Vallée, Boyer & Co. to John B. Whetten

Re notes and drafts. lp.

5565

Feb. 4 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet

Will give the Company first of salt received but cannot promise delivery before August. States prices of barrels. Details of estimate of the cost of each barrel. Terms. 2p.

5566

Feb. 4 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Regrets unfortunate commercial conditions in New Orleans. Will ship goods as directed. L.B.C. 9:43

5567

Feb. 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Re Merle & Co.'s enforced liquidation of business affairs. Will forward shipments to De la Rue. L.B.C. 9:54

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- Feb. 4 -- New York -- To Benjamin Marsh, Present  
Details of Company's decision to collect funds due from  
Marsh. L.B.C. 9:45 5569
- Feb. 4 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Will give attention to shipment directed to Chouteaus. Re  
deer skins forwarded. lp. 5570
- Feb. 4 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for deer skins. lp. 5571
- Feb. 4 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Received commission. Re sum paid by the government. So-  
licit the Company's business. 2p. 5572
- Feb. 5 -- Perrysburg -- From William Brewster  
Is leaving for Cleveland. Will write of operations in  
detail from Detroit. Hot competition necessitates cash in fur  
buying. lp. 5573
- Feb. 5 -- Lapointe -- Charles W. Borup to William Davenport or  
Allen Morrison  
Scott is going to Sandy Lake and will have an interview  
with Aitken. Aitken has no authority to direct Morrison in  
trade or otherwise. Must adhere to non-credit system with the  
Indians. Re directions about property. Enclosed in no. 5786.  
(Northern Outfit Letters 1839) 3p. 5574
- Feb. 5 -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Annexes bill for muskrats. L.B.C. 9:46 5575
- Feb. 5 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts. War Department seems determined to  
reject decision of commissioners under Winnebago treaty. L.B.C.  
9:47 5576
- Feb. 5 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Details of accounts and drafts. Hollister should number  
his drafts. The Company is pleased with Brewster's arrangements  
for collecting skins. Hotte remains in New York. Expects  
opponents to give up soon. The Company will supply funds neces-  
sary for Brewster to carry out his plans. Board of Directors  
will consider the matter of a new warehouse, etc. Encloses a  
copy of Burnet's letter regarding salt. Has made equitable  
settlement with Astor concerning old debts. Poinsett is in-  
clined to reject report of Winnebago commissioners. Details of  
market conditions. Expects to sell some muskrats. L.B.C. 9:  
48-52 5577
- Feb. 5 -- Albany -- J. & B. Knower to John B. Whetten  
Encloses draft. Cash is not plentiful; will send more  
money soon. lp. 5578

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- Feb. 6 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Has forwarded vermillion. Encloses copy of letter from  
Merle & Co. concerning financial failure of the firm. L.B.C.  
9:53 5579
- Feb. 6 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts. Annexes abstract of account. Can sell  
small quantities of muskrats at very low prices. L.B.C. 9:54  
5580
- Feb. 6 — Perrysburg — B. F. Hollister to the Company  
Drafts drawn. lp. 5581
- Feb. 6 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Directions concerning newspaper subscriptions. Prospects  
for robes are good but almost total failure of beaver is ex-  
pected. Indians are recovering from small-pox panic and are  
indulging in their usual pastime of war. lp. 5582
- Feb. 6 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose copy of account of sales rendered by Lempson. lp.  
5583
- Feb. 7 — New York — To Wildes & Co., London  
Crooks is gratified that Wildes & Co. have been able to  
settle account. L.B.C. 9:55 5584
- Feb. 7 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re affairs with Beausoliel, Vallée & Co. Details of ac-  
counts. L.B.C. 9:56 5585
- Feb. 7 — New York — To James Ewart, Dundas, Upper Canada  
Annexes account to date. L.B.C. 9:57 5586
- Feb. 7 — New York — To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Discussion of accounts. Sanford has failed to secure the  
payment of claims under the Winnebago treaty. The Secretary of  
War will not accept report of commissioners. New commissioners  
will have to be appointed. Details of Crooks's opinion of this  
action. Remaining claims under the Sioux treaty will be paid.  
Re prospects for muskrats. Has good prospects for deer skins  
and furs. L.B.C. 9:58-61 5587
- Feb. 7 — Perrysburg — B. F. Hollister to the Company  
Draft drawn. lp. 5588
- Feb. 7 — Cleveland — From William Brewster  
Will get all furs offered in Cleveland. Details of ar-  
rangements with banks for funds. Leaves for Detroit Feb. 8.  
lp. 5589

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Feb. 8 — New York — To Mrs. Frederick Rolette, Three Rivers, Canada

Annexes draft for funds as directed by Joseph Rolette.  
L.B.O. 9:62

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Feb. 8 — New York — To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Re arrangement with Astor for settlement of old debts.

Proceedings of commissioners under Sioux treaty were confirmed, but those of Cameron and Murray were rejected, in toto. New commission will be appointed. Discussion of interest of Western Outfit in this affair. Describes condition of the fur market.  
L.B.O. 9:63-65

5591

Feb. 8 — New York — To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Details of drafts and accounts. Hopes arrangements with Astor will be promptly carried into effect. Market for muskrats has improved; advises purchase of rats. Details of muskrats shipped to London. Re skins on hand. L.B.O. 9:66-67

5592

Feb. 8 — Troy — David Ellis to John B. Whetten

Encloses draft in payment of account. Expects to be in New York soon. lp.

5593

Feb. 8 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have shipped deer skins which will probably find ready sale. lp.

5594

Feb. 9 — New York — To J. & B. Knower, Albany

Re draft received. Muskrats have advanced 2 cents per skin. L.B.O. 9:68

5595

Feb. 9 — New York — To Bellows & Peck, Walpole

Re bill for socks. Details of high prices for socks. Can buy socks for lower rates in New York. L.B.O. 9:69

5596

Feb. 9 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit

Ewings are not to be trusted. The Company desires a decided victory over opponents in 1839. Will support Brewster in any plan against the enemy. Details of drafts. The Company will not write to Hollister except thru Brewster. Re Hotte's movements. Re Burnett's terms for salt. L.B.O. 9:70-71

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Feb. 10 — New York — To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe

Details of letter from DuBay regarding the lack of provisions. Abbett should send supplies for Lac du Flambeau Outfit not later than July 1. Result of fall fisheries is no surprise to Crooks; may make up for it in 1839. Approve Oakes' action at Sandy Lake. Expects half-breed payments and Chippewa annuities to be made at Lapointe. Will fill requisition for goods. Will forward box for Mrs. Hoffern. Will give attention to Hudson's Bay Co.'s account, and claim against Vallee, Boyer & Co. Is gratified that the "Brewster" arrived with good cargo.

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The Company will buy rats again. The Company has confidence in integrity and judgment of Borup. L.B.C. 9:72-74 5598

Feb. 10 -- New York -- To J. B. DuBay, Wisconsin River  
The Company regrets failure of delivery of provisions. Claims of traders under Saginaw treaty have not been carried into effect. Re account. Request that letter for Borup be forwarded. L.B.C. 9:75-76 5599

Feb. 11 -- New York -- To David Ellis, Troy  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 9:77 5600

Feb. 11 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
DuPonts have forwarded powder for Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Re rates to be paid wagoners for transporting powder. L.B.C. 9:78 5601

Feb. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Has received invoices. Wampum hair pipes are not needed at once. Will take vermillion, even at exorbitant prices. Reports from Upper Missouri are favorable for robes but returns of beaver are light. Re Sanford's report on the value of Life & Trust bonds. Re financial affairs of Center, Turner and Webster. 2p. (French) 5602

Feb. 12 -- Washington -- From W. A. Bradley  
Inquires about paper in re notes of Kinney & Turner. Chouteau neglected to take any action against Kinney. Webster is endorser on this and other notes. 1p. 5603

Feb. 12 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Re introduction of man from Montreal who expects to reside in New Orleans. L.B.C. 9:79 5604

Feb. 12 -- New York -- To C. H. Beaulieu, Maskinoge, Canada  
Will accept Beaulieu's offer to engage men in Canada for the Company. Details of directions to engage 12 boatmen. Re wages that the Company will pay good workmen. Details of plans for sending boatmen to the upper lakes. L.B.C. 9:80-81 5605

Feb. 12 -- New York -- To Vallée, Bôyer & Co., Montreal  
Re boatmen to be engaged by Beaulieu for Lake Superior. Encloses letter for Beaulieu. Re directions for providing transportation of boatmen. Re order for stoves, oxhide shoes, etc. L.B.C. 9:82-83 5606

Feb. 13 -- Walpole, New Hampshire -- From Josiah Bellows  
Regrets that the Company is not satisfied with socks. Requests the Company to pay fair prices for them. 1p. 5607

Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Henry & Co., Leeds  
Re account. Will consider sending order for blankets and other Indian goods. L.B.C. 9:84 5608

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- Feb. 13 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
Lampson's sale of muskrats is very satisfactory. Prospects are better for muskrats, hopes not to seek foreign market for any more. Details of skins on hands. Is pleased at the sale of deer skins for French market. L.B.C. 9:86-87 5609
- Feb. 13 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for powder. Re directions given to Ronaud concerning powder. L.B.C. 9:88 5610
- Feb. 13 — Boston — From Cornelius Hersey  
Discussion of Hersey's financial status and his offers to his creditors. 3p. 5611
- Feb. 13 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re account current to Dec. 31. Bill for portages for 1838. Suggest 1/4 of 1 per cent commission for Crooks. lp. 5612
- Feb. 13 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re stowing of goods on certain ship. lp. 5613
- Feb. 14 — New York — To W. A. Bradley, Washington  
The Company's suit against Turner will be heard in the supreme court but attorney cannot tell at what date. L.B.C. 9:89 5614
- Feb. 14 — Frederick — From Ebert & Sons  
Re order for deer skins. lp. 5615
- Feb. 14 — Leeds — From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Enclose invoices. Markets are dull with little change in prices. Encloses no. 5489. lp. 5616
- Feb. 14 — Sandy Lake — John H. Fairbanks to Charles W. Borup  
Has received directions from Oakes in re trade at Red Lake. Proceeded to Red Lake with goods, sold them and has returned for more. It is useless to remain at Red Lake without goods. Indians are in deplorable condition. Enclosed in no. 5786. lp. (Northern Outfit Netters 1839). 5617
- Feb. 14 — Elk Ridge Landing — From J. F. A. Sanford  
Details of information from Lieut. Northup of Fort Gibson who brought treaty made by Gen. Arbuckle with Osages. Northup reports that Liquest [?] Chouteau desired to be appointed sub-agent for Osages. The Secretary has partly promised to appoint Chouteau. Sanford emphasizes the need to have well-disposed agent. Cameron, the Winnebago commissioner, is in Washington. Senate is investigating contracts for Indian goods. Poinsett intends handling Suydam, Jackson & Co. without mittens. The Secretary says that hereafter the Company shall have supplying of goods for the West. Rolette and Bailly's claims will be forwarded at once. 2p. 5618

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- Feb. 15 — Prairie du Chien — From Hercules L. Dousman  
Re settlement with Stuart and Astor for old Indian debts.  
Poor returns of Indian fur trade. Re proposed investment of  
funds in Galena lead. 2p. 5619
- Feb. 15 — New York — To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Re order for Lancaster pattern rifles. L.B.O. 9:90 5620
- Feb. 15 — New York — To T. H. Crawford, Washington  
Wishes to know when claims of Rolette and Bailly under  
Sioux treaty will be paid. L.B.O. 9:91 5621
- Feb. 15 — Perrysburg — B. F. Hollister to William Brewster  
Fur operations and instructions to under agents. Is going  
to Huron County before going to the Wabash. Enclosed in no.  
5644. 2p. 5622
- Feb. 15 — Green Bay — John Lawe to William Brewster  
Received specie. Encloses claims against Winnebago and  
Sioux. Details of the unjust treatment of him. Shortage in  
corn and whiskey shipments. List of provisions required; com-  
plaint about prices charged. Expects negotiation of another  
Menominee treaty. Returns will be poor because of late payment  
of annuities. Encloses power of attorney with claims. Rival  
has later news of fur prices than he has. Encloses in no. 5795.  
3p. 5623
- Feb. 15 — Sandy Lake — William Davenport to Charles W. Borup  
Aitken appears friendly; has taken possession of his  
dwelling and ice-house. Will return with Bonga to Leech Lake  
and remain until every Indian is off for hunts. Enclosed in  
no. 5786. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839). 2p. 5624
- Feb. 15 — Sandy Lake — Morrison to Charles W. Borup  
Weather generally decides spring hunts. Sandy Lake is not  
desirable location for establishment; on opposite side of Sandy  
Lake river is only good place. Are short of provisions and  
have to draw from Fond du Lac. Enclosed in no. 5786. (North-  
ern Outfit Letters 1839). 2p. 5625
- Feb. 15 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Think Halsey has miscalculated in re drafts.  
1p. 5626
- Feb. 15 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re certain notes. Requests prices on muskrats; can pur-  
chase 17,500. 1p. 5627
- Feb. 16 — New York — To Bellows & Peck, Walpole  
Annexes statement of account. Re price for socks. L.B.O.  
9:92 5628

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- Feb. 16 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Asks letter of introduction for brother going to New York.  
lp. 5629
- Feb. 16 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re instructions received from Chouteau about forwarding  
certain goods. Advise the Company that insurance should cover  
risk of fire while goods are stored in New Orleans. 2p. 5630
- Feb. 16 -- Sandy Lake -- George Bonga to Charles W. Borup  
Leech Lake Indians have not made any hunts and no proba-  
bility of them making any. Indians are in want of everything.  
Enclosed in no. 5786. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839) lp. 5631
- Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re letter and account that is probably lost. Goods ar-  
rived in good order. L.B.C. 9:85 5632
- Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Russell, Sturgis, & Co., Canton  
Re letters received. Is pleased with the sale of muskrats.  
Home demand for muskrats has increased. Discussion of the sale  
of otters. Wishes to be advised of Canton market conditions  
for furs. L.B.C. 9:93-94 5633
- Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Daniel Webster, Washington  
Crooks wishes to know what Webster will do about robes.  
Discussion of obligations of Kinney and Turner. Crooks will be  
compelled to act in this matter soon. L.B.C. 9:95-96 5634
- Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re account of sales from Lampson. Re directions for ship-  
ping goods ordered from Gott & Sons and from Cutler. L.B.C. 9:  
97 5635
- Feb. 18 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Re account of sales received. Sales of muskrats have  
surpassed the Company's expectations. Hopes to sell entire  
stock of muskrats in the spring. Is pleased that the trade  
sustains Lampson against Messrs. Lees. Annexes statement of  
account. L.B.C. 9:98-99 5636
- Feb. 18 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re directions for shipping surplus goods. L.B.C. 9:100 5637
- Feb. 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Statement of deer skins forwarded. Re freight rates. lp. 5638
- Feb. 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for deer skins. lp. 5639



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Feb. 18 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.

Re error in Gotts' invoice of cloth. Price on vermillion is exorbitant. Re suspension of business by Merles. Will permit Merles to continue in charge of firm's business. 2p.  
(French) 5640

Feb. 18 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Details of firms's confidence in the Company's attention to sales. Will continue to send consignments to Merle & Co. Re Sanford's remittances. ~~As~~pleased that there is some sale for muskrats. Details of accounts. Competition for deer skins is unprecedented. 3p. 5641

Feb. 18 — Pittsburg — From Joseph Throckmorton

Re draft drawn. 1p. 5642

Feb. 18 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Notice of arrangements for shipping goods received from Gotts. 1p. 5643

Feb. 19 — Detroit — From William Brewster

Re salt order from Moses D. Burnett. Going to Fort Wayne about skins offer. Warehouse in Detroit is needed. Settlement has been made with Astor about disputed treaty claims. Details of claims filed. Is glad that foreign fur prospects are so good. Has not engaged coopers. Inquires about advisability of asking David Stone for shipment of his furs. Samuel Abbott and John Lawe are buying. Wishes to be kept advised of foreign and domestic fur news. Encloses nos. 5622, 5646, 5645, 5647, 5460, and 5468. 3p. 5644

Feb. 19 — Detroit — William Brewster to George Hunt

Instructions for fur operations. 2p. Enclosed in no. 5644. 5645

Feb. 19 — Detroit — William Brewster to Comparet & Colerick

The Company is anxious to get control of American furs to control prices in foreign markets. Wishes personal interview. 1p. Enclosed in no. 5644. 5646

Feb. 19 — Detroit — William Brewster to B. F. Hollister

Will stop to see Hollister on way to Fort Wayne to contract with Comparet & Colerick. Hunt is going to the Wabash. 1p. Enclosed in no. 5644. 5647

Feb. 19 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit

Details of Hollister's drafts. Encloses account current. Discussion of items in account. Enclose letters from Lampson. Sales in London confirm the Company in opinion that prospects will be flattering for furs in general. Annexes memorandum of claims to be collected by Brewster. L.B.C. 9:101-105 5648

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Feb. 19 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
 Encloses invoice for muskrats of 1836 and 1837 collections.  
 Wish them to be sold at whatever price can be obtained. L.B.C. 9:107 5649

Feb. 19 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Re subscriptions for newspapers. Is pleased at the favorable prospect of returns from Indian country. Re high prices received by Hudson's Bay Co. for muskrats. L.B.C. 9:108-109 5650

Feb. 19 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
 Encloses Brewster's account with the Company. Details of items in account. L.B.C. 9:110 5651

Feb. 19 -- Hartford -- From E. S. Hamilton  
 Encloses check for robes. 1p. 5652

Feb. 19 -- Perrysburg -- B. F. Hollister to William Brewster  
 Details of operations of Company's agent; operations of supposed Hoette agent. Re getting L. M. Taylor's furs. Brubacher of Defiance is a strong competitor. Allen says Hollister's customers will sell only to him. Details of arrangements to put Furey in funds. Will have to go to Fort Wayne, perhaps Logansport, as many skins are coming in. Details of suggestion of Comparet & Colerick about purchases of furs and skins. Wishes Brewster to go to Fort Wayne. Sears wishes to buy for the Company; undesirable. Enclosed in no. 5664. 3p. 5653

Feb. 20 -- New York -- To Ebert & Sons, Frederick  
 Expects deer skins from New Orleans soon; are of the same kind sold to Eberts in 1837. L.B.C. 9:111 5654

Feb. 20 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
 Approves Brewster's directions to Hollister and Sprague. Is gratified that Brewster has again employed George Hunt. Regrets that Ewings obtained certain returns. Will take care that Germans do not obtain much in the East. L.B.C. 9:112-113 5655

Feb. 20 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
 Discussion of entire lack of information in Hersey's letters to the Company concerning his financial affairs. Details of Hersey's bad faith in dealing with the Company. L.B.C. 9:114-115 5656

Feb. 20 -- LaFayette -- John Furey to William Brewster  
 Details of fur operations, etc. Enclosed in no. 5742. 2p. 5657

Feb. 20 -- Boulton -- James Henry to the Company  
 Will ship rifles in a few days. Desires to know if the Company expects to need any more rifles before summer. 1p. 5658

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- Feb. 20 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe  
Lawe very grateful to Crooks for many kindnesses. Details of Lawe's grievances over Winnebago treaty claims. Thinks commissioners were unjust. Wishes supply of goods for 1839-1840 trade. 4p. 5659
- Feb. 20 -- Arcan -- From John McKenzie  
Acknowledges receipt of draft. lp. 5660
- Feb. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. Pratte wishes certain receipts. lp. 5661
- Feb. 21 -- New York -- To E. S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 9:116 5662
- Feb. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re enclosed draft. lp. 5663
- Feb. 22 -- Perrysburg -- From William Brewster  
Is going to the Wabash with B. F. Hollister. Encloses no. 5653. lp. 5664
- Feb. 22 -- Washington -- From John Cambell  
Re enclosed Treasury draft. lp. 5665
- Feb. 22 -- War Department, Office Indian Affairs -- From T. Hartley Crawford  
Requisition for \$16,369.06 has been issued in payment of claim due Rolette and Bailly under Sioux treaty. lp. 5666
- Feb. 22 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re return of accepted draft. L.B.C. 9:117 5667
- Feb. 22 -- New York -- To William De la Rue, New Orleans  
Will consign shipments passing thru New Orleans to De la Rue to forward. Annexes bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Re terms of payment, etc. Details special care to be exercised in examining goods, especially furs and skins, to detect damage. L.B.C. 9:118-119 5668
- Feb. 22 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans.  
Deer skins have not been received. Requests Merle to give De la Rue assistance in taking care of the Company's business. L.B.C. 9:121 5669
- Feb. 22 -- Boston -- From Cornelius Hersey  
Details of Hersey's proposals to pay his debts. Bitter against certain creditor in New York. Asks Crooks to come to Boston. 3p. 5670

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- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To E. P. Hastings, Detroit  
Re payment of freight bill on Rev. Hall's goods which were  
misshipped. L.B.C. 9:122 5671
- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Re items in order not  
yet filled. The Company has notified Ronaud about shipment of  
powder. Beaver promises better in England. Re subscriptions  
for newspapers. L.B.C. 9:123-125 5672
- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re draft to pay manufacturers at Leeds and Sheffield.  
Chouteau expects fair returns except in beaver from western re-  
gion. L.B.C. 9:126 5673
- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 9:127 5674
- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Encloses draft to be credited on account. L.B.C. 9:128 5675
- Feb. 23 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Goods have arrived in good order. Encloses draft in pay-  
ment. Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. are authorized to settle the  
balance of account after all orders are filled. L.B.C. 9:129 5676
- Feb. 23 -- Frederick -- From Ebert & Sons  
Discussion of high prices charged by the Company for deer  
skins. lp. 5677
- Feb. 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 5678
- Feb. 23 -- Georgetown -- From Virginia Rolette  
Re long stay at Fredericksburg due to brother's illness.  
Will be settled at school work soon. lp. (Western Outfit  
Miscellaneous). 5679
- Feb. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Instructions about enclosed draft. lp. 5680
- Feb. 23 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Can provide all goods asked for except 36 inch stoves.  
Details of securing canoe. lp. 5681
- Feb. 25 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of information obtained about certain draft.  
L.B.C. 9:130 5682

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- Feb. 25 — New York — To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Encloses second of bill of exchange. L.B.O. 9:131 5683
- Feb. 25 — New York — To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Encloses second of bill of exchange. L.B.O. 9:132 5684
- Feb. 25 — New York — To O. M. Lampson, London  
Regrets disappointment in beaver operations. L.B.O. 9:133 5685
- Feb. 25 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has not received account current to close of 1838. L.B.O. 9:134 5686
- Feb. 25 — New York — To William B. Lewis, Treasury Department,  
Washington  
Has received funds in payment of claims of Rolette and  
Bailey under the Sioux treaty of 1837. L.B.O. 9:135 5687
- Feb. 25 — New York — To Ebert & Sons, Frederick  
Will forward deer skins as directed. Expects skins to be  
of the same quality as in 1837. L.B.O. 9:136 5688
- Feb. 25 — Sheffield — Hiram Cutler to John B. Whetten  
Encloses invoices for goods shipped. lp. 5689
- Feb. 25 — St. Mary's — John M. Livingston to Ambrose Daven-  
port  
Re warrant and directions for apprehension of George  
Berthkeht. Enclosed in no. 5786. (Northern Outfit Letters  
1839) 2p. 5690
- Feb. 25 — Sault Ste. Marie — John R. Livingston to Charles W.  
Borup  
Extract — Has taken action to relieve the Company of Geo.  
Berthkeht for a season at least. Ord has revoked Berthkeht's  
license. Has evidence that Berthkeht brought liquor into the  
country. Enclosed in no. 5786. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839)  
lp. 5691
- Feb. 25 — Laibach — From Amalia Gressel  
Has sent books to her brother, Frederick Baraga. Asks  
Crooks to forward the same. lp. 5692
- Feb. 25 — Chipping Norton — From Samuel Palmer  
Is grateful for bill of exchange. lp. 5693
- Feb. 25 — River St. Peter's — From Henry H. Sibley  
Re trouble with Robert Stuart and Astor about claims of old  
Company. Fur crop from Western Outfit will be very small.  
Baker will probably be appointed sutler for St. Peter's; Sibley  
did not desire position. Wishes to know if the government will  
drive The Company from New Hope. 3p. 5694

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- Feb. 25 — Pittsburgh — From Joseph Throckmorton  
Re draft drawn. lp. 5695
- Feb. 25 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Goods were stowed in cabin. lp. 5696
- Feb. 26 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
Stone will build boat. Further order of goods— gloves,  
hose, biscuit, etc. — for store. lp. 5697
- Feb. 26 — Fort Wayne — William Brewster to Z. Henderson & Co.  
Authorization to buy skins at higher price than that  
agreed upon. Enclosed in no. 5742. lp. 5698
- Feb. 26 — Prairie du Chien — From Hercules L. Dousman  
Encloses certificates and drafts to be disposed of under  
the Indian treaties. lp. 5699
- Feb. 26 — South Bend — George Hunt to William Brewster  
Details of operations. Enclosed in no. 5742. lp. 5700
- Feb. 26 — South Bend — From George Hunt  
Left Detroit Feb. 20. Has bought all of Lathrop M.  
Taylor's skins to May 15. lp. 5701
- Feb. 26 — Green Bay — William Mitchell to John B. Whetten  
(per D. Butler)  
No arrangement has yet been made with transportation com-  
pany about furs lost in shipping. Explanation of duplications  
of items in accounts sent to the Company's office. 2p. 5702
- Feb. 27 — Lapointe — Charles W. Borup to William Davenport  
Is surprised that Davenport has not gone to Leech Lake.  
Wishes Davenport to remain at Leech Lake during the entire sea-  
son. Urges Davenport to avoid all petty annoyance with Aitken  
and to take care of the Company's property. Directions about  
arrangements for the summer. Enclosed in no. 5786. 2p. 5703
- Feb. 27 — Lapointe — Charles W. Borup to Allan Morrison,  
Sandy Lake  
Wishes more complete reports in letters. Desires Davenport  
to remain at Leech Lake and Morrison to attend to Sandy Lake  
affairs. Should not allow men to get into debt. Enclosed in  
no. 5786. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839). lp. 5704
- Feb. 27 — Fort Wayne — From William Brewster  
Has contracted for shipment of certain collections. His  
presence has secured many skins for the Company (\$40,000 worth.)  
Returning to Detroit. lp. 5705
- Feb. 27 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 5706

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Feb. 28 -- New York -- To De la Rue, New Orleans

Enclose bill of lading for merchandise to be forwarded to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Details of insurance arrangements, and necessity of forwarding goods promptly. L.B.C. 9:137-138 5707

Mar. 1 -- South Bend -- William Brewster to L. M. Taylor

Authorization to engage agent to compete with Edsell. Enclosed in no. 5742. lp. 5708

Mar. 1 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Discussion of agreement with insurance company. L.B.C. 9:139 5709

Mar. 1 -- Boston -- From B. Homes

Encloses check and bank bill to be credited on account. Season is unfavorable for selling robes. Large quantity of skins has been sold at auction in Boston. This has lowered the prices. 2p. 5710

Mar. 1 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud

Has forwarded powder. Freight rates are high. Suggests that powder be forwarded by New Orleans. lp. 5711

Mar. 1 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Enclose bill of lading. lp. 5712

Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of accounts and drafts. The Secretary of War refuses to pay any claims under Winnebago treaty. The Company is powerless to do anything in the matter. Thinks market conditions are improving. L.B.C. 9:140-141 5713

Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Michael Dousman, Mackinac

Details of accounts. Will give attention to Dousman's request about the suttlng. L.B.C. 9:142 5714

Mar. 2 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston

Has credited remittance on account. Re balance due the Company. L.B.C. 9:143 5715

Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Encloses account current of Northern Department for 1838. Discussion of accounts. Re fixing of claims at Prairie du Chien. Winnebago treaty commissioners incurred the displeasure of the War Department and entire report is set aside. New commissioners will be appointed. Advises that Lawe present his case again. Claims under Sioux treaty were paid without difficulty. Expects muskrats to be generally used again, as foreign substitutes have been dear and scarce. Does not expect much improvement in the price of muskrats. Re directions for purchasing muskrats. Annexes memorandum of enclosed papers. L.B.C. 9:144-147 5716

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Mar. 2 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie

Is grateful for prompt attention in case of Berthkeht. The Company does not intend that Holiday and family shall be allowed to suffer. Holiday was not promised certain piece of ground. Barbeau should pay cash price for every article he purchases. Approves arrangements for construction of coasting vessel at Lapointe. Has received order for supplies. The Company disapproves controversy between Abbott and Brewster. Encloses account current for St. Mary's Outfit. L.B.C. 9:148-151

5717

Mar. 2 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons

Enclose invoices and patterns of cloth. Will forward goods of remaining orders soon. lp.

5718

Mar. 2 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Merchandise has been received in good order. Re shipment of goods to St. Louis. 2p.

5719

Mar. 2 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for deer skins. lp.

5720

Mar. 2 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Will forward small shipment via New Orleans. Re draft. lp.

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Mar. 3 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston

Charges against Berthkeht. Progress in repair of wharf. Details of quarrel with Brewster. 2p.

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Mar. 4 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Detroit

Annexes accounts. Regrets lack of cordiality between Brewster and Livingston, over failure of Holbrook to fulfill contract for new store at St. Mary's. Building should be ready for the spring trade. Crooks considers Livingston capable of managing St. Mary's business. Franchere is to look after payment of Chippewa half-breeds at Lapointe. L.B.C. 9:152

5723

Mar. 4 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis

Is pleased that Chouteau will continue business thru Merle & Co. Encloses invoice for silver ware. Expects to see Webster when he passes thru New York. Has shipped paintings for Philipson. L.B.C. 9:153-154

5724

Mar. 4 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Hopes Brewster's zeal will not outrun discretion, as the Company does not wish any unfair management. Discussion of large sums of money required by fur buyers. Funds should be judiciously expended. Re coopers to be employed. Advises Brewster by all means to drop controversy with Livingston. Center had shipment of Hotte's skins in 1838. Re error in account current. L.B.C. 9:155-158

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- Mar. 4 -- Boulton -- James Henry to the Company  
Annexes bill for rifles. Delay in shipping was due to  
bad roads. lp. 5726
- Mar. 4 -- Georgetown -- From Virginia Rolette  
Re personal affairs. lp. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous)  
.. 5727
- Mar. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Re error in accounts. Fear caps sent by the Company can-  
not be sold at satisfactory prices. Enclose check to be credit-  
ed on account. lp. 5728
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Robert Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Annexes account. Discussion of charging bills to Chouteau  
& Mackenzie. L.B.C. 9:159 5729
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Mrs. Berthold, St. Louis  
Encloses account current which has been placed to debit of  
Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 9:160 5730
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Bernard Pratte, St. Louis  
Encloses account current which has been placed to the  
debit of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 9:161 5731
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts. Encloses account current and all vou-  
chers connected with the same. Has sold all peltries on hand  
except robes. L.B.C. 9:162-163 5732
- Mar. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 5733
- Mar. 5 -- Pittsburgh -- From Joseph Throckmorton  
Re draft drawn on the Company. lp. 5734
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- To Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co., Baltimore  
Annexes bill of lading for deer skins to be forwarded to  
Ebert & Sons. Shipment is insured. L.B.C. 9:164 5735
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- To Ebert & Sons, Frederick, Md.  
Has shipped deer skins as directed. Re bill. L.B.C. 9:  
165 5736
- Mar. 6 -- Indianapolis -- George Hunt to William Brewster  
Will meet Spafford near Vincennes. Will go to Pike County.  
Operations. Enclosed in no. 5813. 2p. 5737
- Mar. 6 -- Indianapolis -- George Hunt  
Draft drawn. lp. 5738
- Mar. 6 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Wishes to buy 400 grey deer skins. lp. 5739

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- Mar. 6 -- Prairie du Chien -- Joseph Rolette to T. H. Crawford  
Has learned that report of Commissioners for settling traders and half-breed claims under the Winnebago treaty of 1837 has not been accepted by the War Department. Rolette is one of claimants. Traders' claims were thoroly examined; task was exceedingly difficult. Re difficulty for trader to furnish exact kind of evidence required of him. Indians were satisfied with the decision of commissioners. Time limitation for removal of Winnebagoes west of the Mississippi has expired; Gov. Dodge proposes to make them move. Indian chiefs want Great Father to fulfill obligations of treaty. Government will need all influence possible to induce Indians to go peaceably. Instructions given to Cameron and Murray stated their decision would be final. Urges that the government accept report and execute it. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous) 4p. 5740
- Mar. 7 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Comparet & Colerick  
Letter authorizing them to buy for the Company. Directions re shipments, etc. Enclosed in no. 5742. 2p. 5741
- Mar. 7 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of his operations and those of agents. Thinks the Company will control four-fifths of skins and furs. Encloses nos. 5741, 5700, 5657, 5743, 5708, and 5698. 3p. 5742
- Mar. 7 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to L. M. Taylor  
Instructions for operations. Offers to take Taylor's last year's crop of muskrats. Enclosed in no. 5742. 1p. 5743
- Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Jean Baptiste Mayrand, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses account with the Company. L.B.C. 9:166 5744
- Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses account current to close of December 1838. Discussion of items in account. L.B.C. 9:167 5745
- Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Encloses account current to close of 1838. Dousman will forward memorandum of settlement of Sioux claims. L.B.C. 9:168 5746
- Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses account current to close of 1838 and memorandum explaining division of funds received from government under Sioux treaty of 1837. L.B.C. 9:169 5747
- Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses annual papers for 1838. Details certain items in accounts. Robes should be sent to Detroit, as Company gets better ones from Canada. Re discrepancies in accounts. Poinsett will not recognize Winnebago treaty claims. Will ship supplies. Annexes memorandum of papers. L.B.C. 9:170-173 5748

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Mar. 7 — Prairie du Chien — Hercules L. Dousman to J. N. Nicollet

Re outrageous action of War Department in rejecting report of Commissioners for settling claims under Winnebago treaty. Rolette has purchased \$23,000 in certificates on assurance that government would not deny acts of its duly constituted agents. Indians will not act on claims again. Impossible to satisfy everybody concerning claims. Advises that money be paid to half-breeds in person. Indians are determined not to move till terms of treaty are fulfilled. Fears scenes worse than Fla. war. Urges Nicollet to see the Secretary of War. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous). 3p. 5749

Mar. 7 — Grandville — From Charles H. Oakes

Left everything at Sandy Lake in good and prosperous condition. Sent Fairbanks with relief to Red Lake Indians. Leech Lake Indians appear dissatisfied with their trader. Details of location of traders for the spring season. Goods will remain at Fond du Lac post until navigation opens. Indians are pleased with idea of trading in U.S. currency and are satisfied with prices paid for their furs. Discussion of Aitken's private affairs. Bushnell reports that Governor has written to Washington to have next payments made on the St. Croix, both to half-breeds and Indians, but Bushnell has sent on a remonstrance and wants payment made at Lapointe. 3p. 5750

Mar. 7 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. 1p.

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Mar. 8 — Detroit — From William Brewster

Details of operations. Instructions to agents. Certain accounts and papers are correct. Re treatment of case of possible fraud by Treat & Carter. Re certain accounts, etc. Differs with Lampson regarding his raccoons. Northern trade will be benefited by rise of muskrats to favor. Refused offer of Cleveland firm for muskrats. Short time drafts are necessary in buying. Advice to Crooks about operations elsewhere. Bank failures have affected the Company. 6p. 5752

Mar. 8 — New York — To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.

May be able to fill order for deer skins later. L.B.C. 9: 175 5753

Mar. 8 — New York — To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works

Has received rifles in good order. Will not want any more rifles in spring of 1839. L.B.C. 9:176 5754

Mar. 8 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of drafts. Re sale of deer skins at high rates. Discussion of careless packing, damaged skins, etc. L.B.C. 9: 177-178 5755

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Mar. 8 — New York — To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Enclose account to close of 1838. L.B.O. 9:179

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Mar. 8 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Discussion of Brewster's perserverance for Company's business. Crooks's presence among traders in Wabash country will be great aid. Thinks Hollister is valuable employee. No payment of any kind is to be made to Holiday. L.B.O. 9:180-182

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Mar. 8 — Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Encloses his letter to Commissioner of Indian Affairs re Company's Winnebago claim. Fur returns are poor. Rivals in trade will profit from hunt of rats, which the Company neglected purposely. lp.

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Mar. 9 — Washington — From W. A. Bradley

Webster feels some anxiety about balance due on his note. Webster wishes to give an assignment of property. Webster will see Crooks in New York soon. lp.

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Mar. 9 — New York — To S. T. Jamison, Chicago

The Company expects Jamison to pay his accounts. If whole amount cannot be raised, payment may be made by installments. L.B.O. 9:183

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Mar. 9 — New York — To O. M. Lampson, London

Re sale of deer skins at high prices. Reports from the Detroit country are favorable. Brewster has gone into the Wabash region to aid in obtaining larger returns. L.B.O. 9:184-185

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Mar. 9 — New York — To John Holiday, Sault Ste. Marie

Encloses account to close of 1838. Jamison has failed to redeem his promise to pay account. Holiday and his family should live in most economical manner and not ask the Company for any assistance. L.B.O. 9:186

5762

Mar. 9 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Has sold some deer skins of fair quality at high rates. Accounts from interior are favorable. The Company expects to have many more raccoons than usual. L.B.O. 9:187

5763

Mar. 9 — New York — To William Aitken, Prairie du Chien

Annexes statement of accounts. The Company has not learned plan of government concerning payment of Chippewa half-breeds. Furs and skins continue in good demand, except muskrats. L.B.O. 9:188

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Mar. 9 — Fort Wayne — W. G. Ewing to William Brewster.

Received letter re acting in concert in London market. Complaints against buyers; suspects Company of complicity. Enclosed in no. 5839. 2p.

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- Mar. 9 — Leeds — From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Enclose invoices. Discusses kinds and quantities of blankets. lp. 5766
- Mar. 9 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Have received goods from Gotts to be shipped. lp. 5767
- Mar. 11 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Webster has not come to New York. Bradley has advised Crooks that Webster has advised sales of property in Europe. Re letter from Ronaud that powder ought to be shipped via New Orleans due to high freight rates. L.B.C. 9:189 5768
- Mar. 11 — New York — To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Re receipt of rifles in damaged condition. L.B.C. 9:190 5769
- Mar. 11 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re Throckmorton's drafts. Wishes directions about amount of credit to be allowed to Throckmorton. Has received deer skins. L.B.C. 9:191 5770
- Mar. 11 — New York — To Moses D. Burnet, Syracuse  
The Company is awaiting Brewster's decision about salt. L.B.C. 9:192 5771
- Mar. 11 — New York — To Joseph Throckmorton, Pittsburgh  
Re drafts honored. Will protect bills to amount of credit provided by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 9:193 5772
- Mar. 11 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Is gratified with success of Brewster's visit to Perryburgh and Fort Wayne. Request that drafts be drawn as directed. Value of deer skins is increasing. Expect Maine question to be settled amicably. L.B.C. 9:194 5773
- Mar. 11 — Sheffield — Hiram Outler to John B. Whetten  
Encloses invoices for remainder of orders. Desires that all articles shall be satisfactory. lp. 5774
- Mar. 11 — Burlington, Ia. — John Furey to William Brewster  
Has secured everything in section; is going to Peru. Details of operations. Thinks Ewing will abandon business next year if the Company is successful in this district. lp. Enclosed in no. 5839. 5775
- Mar. 11 — Saint Genevieve — From Menard & Vallée & Co.  
Have shipped furs to the Company as per annexed packing account. Direct net proceeds to be remitted to Siter, Price & Co. of Philadelphia. lp. 5776

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Mar. 11 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg

Details of order for skins and directions about payment.  
lp. 5777

Mar. 11 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Are awaiting report from Beaulieu who is employing men for the Company, before proceeding with order for supplies, etc., to be sent to upper lakes. Re difficulty to secure stoves. Will ship muskrats to New York if prices are sufficiently high. lp. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous) 5778

Mar. 12 -- New York -- From J. J. Astor (per Wm. B. Astor)

Request to pay to bearer, W. W. Bruce, \$10,000 for American Fur Co. lp. 5779

Mar. 12 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Statement of furs not accounted for as sold Dec. 1838. Estimate of profit. Returns from St. Peters will be less than usual. Borup has entered complaint against Holiday's stepson for inciting the Indians. Western associates should buy muskrats. Rumors of war with England. Skin crop is large. 2p. 5780

Mar. 12 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Re letter from George Hunt. Expects Hunt and Hollister to leave little for Hotte. Reports from Lapointe are satisfactory as can be expected. Northern Outfit will try to persuade the Indians to make good spring hunts. Borup needs only three coopers for Lake Superior; St. Mary's requires two. Deer skins are in great demand for home consumption. L.B.C. 9:195-196 5781

Mar. 12 -- Boulton -- From James Henry

Encloses bill for remainder of order of rifles. lp. 5782

Mar. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.

Has received invoice of merchandise. Is grateful for attention to Life & Trust bonds. lp. 5783

Mar. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re drafts. lp. 5784

Mar. 12 -- Vincennes -- James M. Spafford to B. F. Hollister

Details of operations. Is out of funds; will have to wait to buy until he sees Hunt. Enclosed in no. 5893. lp. 5785

Mar. 13 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup

Everything at Fond du Lac is quiet. Has sent Scott to Sandy Lake to look out for Aitken. Whole fall hunt at Leech Lake was lost by Indians going to treaty. Credit system has been done away with. Re location of clerks and traders. At Folleavoine, little is being done. Altho James Ermatinger as

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usual writes nothing, Borup is aware returns will be poor. Advises dispensing with Ermatinger. Discussion of trading business. Re DuBay's affairs. Discussion of number of traders needed for spring trade. Indians at Ance are now friendly. Re good fishing grounds. Has no information about north shore. Discussion of prospects of fishing business. Will spare no pains to send good fish to market. Wishes directions about inspection of fish. Has heard that Gov. Dodge has fully concluded to have payment made at St. Croix. This will injure the Company's business both in getting debts paid and in receiving good share of sales, and many fishermen will have to quit work to attend payment. Urges the necessity of Crooks's presence early in the season. Re need for twine. Will prepare timber for new vessel. Encloses nos. 5617, 5624, 5631, 5690, 5691, 5703, 5704, and 5574. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839). 12p.

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Mar. 13 — New York — To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.  
Details of plans to furnish deer skins to Ramsburg. L.B.C.  
9:197

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Mar. 13 — Fort Wayne — Comparet & Colerick to William Brewster

Details of fur operations. Colerick has west and north to buy. Requests cloth and blankets be imported for Indian trade. Enclosed in no. 5813. 2p.

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Mar. 13 — Vincennes, Ia. — George Hunt to William Brewster  
Details of operations. Difficulties in getting funds at Indianapolis and Vincennes. Will go to St. Louis to complete funds for Spafford's contracts. Heard that Ewing's draft was returned. Spafford is going to Pike County. Enclosed in no. 5893. 2p.

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Mar. 13 — Saginaw — William Macdonald to William Brewster

Details his operations and probable returns. Enclosed in no. 5813. 1p.

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Mar. 13 — Middlebury, Ver. — Alexander C. Twining to John B. Whetten

Wishes to know about dividend declared by Company. 1p.

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Mar. 13 — Fredericksburg — From Joseph Rolette, Jr.

Re illness and expenses. 2p. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous).

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Mar. 13 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Enclose bill of lading. 1p.

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Mar. 14 — Boulton — From James Henry

Discussion about guns damaged by being shipped in boxes made of green boards. 1p.

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- Mar. 14 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Sends Indian claims. Re price instructions to give Lawe.  
Commissioner will make decision about Saginaw claims in two  
weeks. Encloses no. 5623. lp. 5795
- Mar. 14 — Leeds — From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Have received order for additional blankets; will forward  
at once. Markets generally flat altho prices of goods do not  
give way. lp. 5796
- Mar. 14 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have credited drafts by Throckmorton to the Company's  
credit. Goods have not arrived. lp. 5797
- Mar. 15 — New York — To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Annexes order for goods desired at early date. L.B.C. 9:  
198 5798
- Mar. 15 — New York — To James Keith, Lachine, Lower Canada  
Request that certain funds be paid at Red River Settlement  
as directed by Kenneth Mackenzie. L.B.C. 9:199 5799
- Mar. 15 — New York — To John Severight, Fort Coulange, Can.  
Re receipt of Severight's letter of May 1837. The Company  
is grateful for kindness to Forbes and his men, on their voyage  
to Lake Superior. L.B.C. 9:200 5800
- Mar. 15 — Prairie du Chien — From Hercules L. Dousman  
Re settlement of Paquette estate which is in his hands.  
Asks attitude of Secretary of War to the Winnebago Convention.  
lp. 5801
- Mar. 15 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re failure of Beaulieu to reply to letters. Details of ac-  
counts. Re question of commission charges. Stoves must be of  
size ordered. States prices for muskrats. Encloses letters  
for Keith and Severight. L.B.C. 9:201-203 5802
- Mar. 16 — New York — To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Has received rifles but in damp boxes. Re accounts.  
L.B.C. 9:204 5803
- Mar. 16 — Fort Wayne — Francis [Francois?] Comparet to  
William Brewster  
Details of operations. Ewing will go to Detroit to buy in  
the spring. Asks if the Company can get blankets and cloth.  
Orders fur press. Enclosed in no. 5839. lp. 5804
- Mar. 16 — Perrysburg — B. F. Hollister to Company (per D. B.  
Smith)  
Draft drawn. lp. 5805



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- Mar. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Re river boat damaged; delay in shipment of merchandise  
from New Orleans. lp. 5806
- Mar. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have small shipment ready to forward. lp. 5807
- Mar. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft. lp. 5808
- Mar. 16 -- Pittsburgh -- From Joseph Throckmorton  
Re drafts. lp. 5809
- Mar. 16 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Details of delay in shipping goods. lp. 5810
- Mar. 17 -- Perrysburgh -- B. F. Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of operations. Details of operations of man posing  
as Hollister's agent. Enclosed in no. 5839. 2p. 5811
- Mar. 17 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Details of order for skins. lp. 5812
- Mar. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Compart & Colerick request importation of certain articles.  
Encloses nos. 5414, 5737, 5788, and 5790. lp. 5813
- Mar. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of assortment and value of first lot of furs offered  
and how he bought them in spite of Abbott's competition.  
lp. 5814
- Mar. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Directions concerning enclosed draft. Mackenzie has gone  
to New Orleans and Havana. lp. 5815
- Mar. 18 -- New York -- To -- Muhlenburgh, Flushing, L. I.  
Discussion of young Garland entering school and plans for  
paying his expenses. L.B.O. 9:205 5816
- Mar. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korokhauss  
Are unable to supply blue and scarlet caps; none in Philadelphia.  
Have procured one case of gloves and mitts. Have  
some garnets. lp. 5817
- Mar. 18 -- Boston -- From George W. Heard  
Has been requested by Miss Grant of Ipswich to collect  
balance due on account of Jane Holiday. 2p. 5818
- Mar. 18 -- Perrysburg -- From B. F. Hollister (per J. Hollister  
& Co.)  
Draft drawn. lp. 5819

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- Mar. 18 -- Liberty -- A. Millman to B. F. Hollister  
Details his and Ewing's operations. Requests authority to pay higher prices. Is going to Vincennes; expects to make large purchases. Needs money. Has four men riding and buying. Willing to buy for the Company in 1840 if terms can be agreed upon. Enclosed in no. 5893. lp. 5820
- Mar. 18 -- New Orleans -- From A. Vallé  
Re skins and furs forwarded at order of Menard & Vallé. lp. 5821
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- From William A. Bradley  
Details of Webster's arrangements about paying original note of \$10,000. lp. 5822
- Mar. 19 -- Mercer -- Samuel Buckman to William Brewster  
Details of operations; those of rivals. Enclosed in no. 5893. lp. 5823
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- To William Stuart & Co., Chicago  
Re payment of bill for advertising. L.B.C. 9:206 5824
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- To George W. Heard, Boston  
Discussion of bill due Miss Grant on account of Jane Holiday Jamison is bankrupt and Holiday is unable to sell his real estate Holiday is desirous of paying Miss Grant. L.B.C. 9:207-208 5825
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- To Mrs. William Scott, Waterford  
Re money to be paid to Mrs. Scott at direction of her son, James P. Scott. L.B.C. 9:208 5826
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- To Treat & Carter, Buffalo  
Discussion of accounts and funds due the Company. The Company desires equitable adjustment of bill for damaged fish. Re excessive freight rates for powder. Details of missing pack of deer skins and muskrats. L.B.C. 9:209-211 5827
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Encloses letter for Treat & Carter. Discussion of Treat & Carter's relations with the Company. L.B.C. 9:212-213 5828
- Mar. 19 -- St. Louis -- From George Hunt  
Is forced to go to St. Louis to cash drafts; bank at Vincennes would not cash them; not buying in locality. Spafford secured about \$4,000 worth of skins at Vincennes. lp. 5829
- Mar. 19 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Annex invoices for blankets. Prices of woolen goods are lower than usual. lp. 5830

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- Mar. 19 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Information from Beaulieu about men, canoe, supplies, and expenses. 2p. 5831
- Mar. 20 — Detroit — From Gabriel Franchere  
Differences between Brewster and Livingston. Extracts from Stanard's letters re engaging Stone to build vessel. Explanation of Stanard's failure to call for fish as desired. Hopes troubles in Maine will not cause war. 3p. 5832
- Mar. 20 — Philadelphia — From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Details of notes in payment of certain bills. Caps are not to be had in Philadelphia for love or money. 1p. 5833
- Mar. 20 — New Orleans — From William de la Rue  
Will forward goods from Company consigned to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. Will give attention to all directions from the Company. Has forwarded raccoon and deer skins to the Company. 3p. 5834
- Mar. 20 — New Orleans — From William de la Rue  
Encloses bill of lading for skins and furs. 1p. 5835
- Mar. 20 — Penetanguishene — From George Mitchell  
Has taken up deceased brother's business. Desires to sell furs to the Company. Can deliver them at Toronto or Buffalo. Wishes to know if duty will be levied at Buffalo. 1p. 5836
- Mar. 20 — St. Louis — From P. & J. Powell  
Request information concerning prices of muskrats in New York market in 1837. 1p. 5837
- Mar. 20 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re goods shipped on certain packet. Goods can be discharged without delay. Enclose copy of account of sales rendered by Lampson. Lampson is sailing for New York. 3p. 5838
- Mar. 21 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Agrees amount needed for furs is large; discussion. Discussion about coopers. Details of Abbott's operations. Hopes warehouse question will be settled soon. Requests that Lampson come West. Encloses nos. 5765, 5775, 5804, 5811, and 5841. 3p. 5839
- Mar. 21 — Detroit — William Brewster to W. G. Ewing  
Replies to Ewing's complaints and makes counter complaints. Would be glad to have shipment of his skins. Encloses in no. 5851. 2p. 5840
- Mar. 21 — Detroit — William Brewster to B. F. Hollister  
Instructions. Discussion of Company's policy. Asks regarding operations of new agent under Hollister. 1p. Enclosed in no. 5839. 5841

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Mar. 21 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit

Hopes Brewster will not need to leave Detroit on long journeys for skins. Re high prices to be paid Comparet & Colerick. Discussion of insurance arrangements to be made. It is necessary that the Company carry thru plans for large purchases. Lampson must have unrestricted management of entire collection of raccoons. Re letter from Furey. L.B.O. 9:214-216

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Mar. 21 — New York — To Alexis Bailly, Philadelphia

Re directions for Bailly to draw draft on the Company.

Crooks cannot reply to Bailly's inquiry at present. L.B.O. 9:217

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Mar. 21 — Philadelphia — From Geisse & Korokhauss

Enclose receipt for goods. 1p.

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Mar. 21 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re account current for 1838. Are gratified with prices received for furs. Skins from Kansas river have been delayed by low water. Are preparing the "Antelope" for her trip to Fort Union. 2p.

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Mar. 22 — St. Louis — From Chouteau & Mackenzie

Re error in account transmitted by Company. 1p.

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Mar. 22 — New York — To Geisse & Korokhauss, Philadelphia

Re receipt of bill for goods purchased and directions for payment. L.B.O. 9:218

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Mar. 22 — Boston — From George W. Heard

Re sum owed to Miss Grant by Holidays. Suggests that Crooks forward the amount and be reimbursed by Holiday. 2p

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Mar. 22 — Perrysburg — B. F. Hollister to William Brewster

Details for prospects; operations of buyers and competitors. His plans. Further details of furs. Enclosed in no. 5893. 3p.

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Mar. 22 — Indianapolis — From George Hunt (per Furey)

Swings threaten to ruin the Company but will ruin themselves by their buying. 1p.

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Mar. 23 — Detroit — From William Brewster

Is glad that Crooks approves measures against competitors. Thinks competition in 1840 will be negligible. Will not fill Holiday's orders. Included storage on salt in charges. Encloses no. 5840. 1p.

5851

Mar. 23 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Re sale of certain deer skins. Details of time required to collect some payments. Re Throckmorton's drafts. Discussion

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of failure of Beausoliel, Vallee & Co. and loss on robes.  
L.B.C. 9:219-221

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Mar. 23 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. St. Louis

Webster has been in New York and is as poor as ever but expects to sell property in Europe. Re suit against Turner. Fears Webster has promised more than he can pay. L.B.C. 9:222-223

5853

Mar. 23 — New York — To William Mitchell, Green Bay

Re misunderstanding about pack of skins lost. Re Mitchell's failure to furnish correct bill of lading. Packs should be shipped direct to Buffalo. Directions from the Company should be followed to the letters. L.B.C. 9:224-226

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Mar. 23 — New York — To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis

Regrets that entire consignment of caps was not sold. Suggests selling them to local dealer. L.B.C. 9:227

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Mar. 23 — New York — To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Re arrival of skins in damaged condition which ship owners have agreed to pay. Re Chouteau's anxiety over delay in the receipt of goods needed for expedition to Yellowstone River. The Company desires to make shipments direct to Merle & Co. L.B.C. 9:229-230

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Mar. 23 — Philadelphia — From Geisse & Korckhauss

Re settlement of certain bill. No wool caps of garnets at Baltimore. lp.

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Mar. 23 — Perrysburg — B. F. Hollister to William Brewster

Asks what price he shall tell Millman to pay for furs. Is going to defiance to look after the hard cases. Enclosed in no. 5893. lp.

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Mar. 23 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re drafts. Expect Mackenzie to arrive from Havana. Have given Throckmorton permission to draw additional drafts on the Company. lp.

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Mar. 25 — New York — To Hercules E. Dousman, Prairie du Chien

Re accounts. Details of amicable agreement with Astor about money under Sioux and Winnebago treaties of 1837. Will try to engage Alexis St. Martin for Dr. Beaumont. Judge Doty confirms report that War Department will appoint new commissioners under Winnebago treaty. Expects high prices in England for furs and deer skins. Has domestic goods ready to ship. L.B.C. 9:231-233

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Mar. 25 — New York — To George W. Heard, Boston

Discussion of non-responsibility of Company for payment due

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Miss Grant. Crooks will see that Miss Grant's account is paid out of first money Holiday realizes on land. L.B.C. 9:234-235  
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Mar. 25 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Requests remittance on account. L.B.C. 9:236 5862

Mar. 25 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Regrets that goods were late in reaching St. Louis but only Chouteau himself is to blame as he gave directions about shipment from New Orleans. Re lack of wisdom in Chouteau's orders. Re goods to be forwarded to Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 9:237-239 5863

Mar. 25 -- Perrysburg -- B. F. Hollister to William Brewster  
Is going to Defiance Mar. 26. Enclosed in no. 5893. lp.  
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Mar. 25 -- Perrysburg -- From B. F. Hollister (per J. Hollister & Co.)  
Draft drawn. lp. 5865

Mar. 25 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Approves of Crooks's letter to Treat & Carter. Discussion of financial relations between the Company and Treat & Carter. Will submit fish and powder case to Treat for adjustment. Parsons desires to act as forwarding agent to the Company. Will investigate matter of Rev. Smith's draft. 5p. 5866

Mar. 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. (French) 5867

Mar. 25 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 5868

Mar. 26 -- New York -- From J. J. Astor (per Wm. B. Astor)  
Great need for money. Request \$10,000 or \$15,000, either on Crooks's own account or on that of the Company. Asks if the Company has declared a dividend. lp. 5869

Mar. 26 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Has sent directions to posts in re matter of rats. Davenport has agreed to remain at Leech Lake. Prospects are good for martin hunts. Are ready to begin spring fishing operations. News that payment will be made at Lapointe has encouraged much. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839). lp. 5870

Mar. 26 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses duplicate bill of lading. L.B.C. 9:240 5871

Mar. 26 -- New York -- To Joel R. Poinsett, Washington  
Requests payment of funds for enclosed certificates under Sioux and Winnebago treaties of 1837. Details of request of

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- Chippewa half-breeds that they be paid at Lapointe. L.B.C.  
9:241-242 5872
- Mar. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Have obtained mittens and garnets from Baltimore. Annexes  
receipt from transportation company for goods forwarded. lp.  
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- Mar. 26 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Special stoves in recent order can be supplied. May send  
muskrats to New York. Want to purchase common raccoon and bear  
skins in the spring. lp. 5874
- Mar. 27 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Is pleased that Dousman considers arrangement with Astor  
to be satisfactory. Has sent certificates to Poinsett, without  
any intimation of knowing Poinsett's attitude on Winnebago  
treaty. L.B.C. 9:243 5875
- Mar. 27 -- New York -- To Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Requests remittance on account. L.B.C. 9:244 5876
- Mar. 27 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Is gratified that Beaulieu is busy. Encloses order for  
goods. Approves Beaulieu's proposal of sending goods in canoe.  
Stoves should be sent to Buffalo. Has no report concerning  
Forbes's note. Hopes Alexis St. Martin will go to St. Louis.  
L.B.C. 9:245-246 5877
- Mar. 27 -- New York -- To Clement Beaulieu, Maskinonge, Canada  
Beaulieu should always acknowledge receipt of letters. Is  
pleased that Beaulieu will obtain boatmen. Has advised Vallée,  
Boyer & Co. about blankets. Annexes letter from Dr. Beaumont  
regarding employing of St. Martin. L.B.C. 9:247-248 5878
- Mar. 27 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Encloses bill of lading for skins. lp. 5879
- Mar. 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 5880
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.  
Annexes bill of lading for deer skins. L.B.C. 9:249 5881
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Swift & Nichols  
Encloses account. L.B.C. 9:250 5882
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallée, Ste. Genevieve  
Hopes to render satisfactory sales of goods. Will remit  
net proceeds as directed. L.B.C. 9:251 5883

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- Mar. 28 — New York — To Geisse & Korokhauss, Philadelphia  
Has received mittens and garnets which are very acceptable. Has paid draft. L.B.O. 9:252 5884
- Mar. 28 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Discussion of vessel damaged on Mississippi. Deer skin sale in London went off well. L.B.O. 9:253 5885
- Mar. 28 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re report of successful deer skin sale in London. Prospects were never more encouraging. Goods ordered from England have been shipped from Liverpool. L.B.O. 9:254 5886
- Mar. 28 — Defiance — B. F. Hollister to the Company  
Draft drawn. lp. 5887
- Mar. 28 — New Orleans — From Wm. de la Rue  
Has forwarded skins and peltries received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 5888
- Mar. 29 — New York — To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Re funds subject to Kittson's order. Details of Doty's report of Poinsett's decision concerning Winnebago treaty claims. Crooks expects fair compensation if trading establishment is enclosed in military reserve. Has shipped goods for Western Outfit. English goods have arrived in port. Re high prices in London for deer skins. Advises purchase of all muskrats so as to control the market. Wishes estimate of entire returns expected. L.B.O. 9:255-258 5889
- Mar. 29 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re accounts. Details of sales of deer skins. L.B.O. 9:259 5890
- Mar. 29 — Philadelphia — From Geisse & Korokhauss  
Have corrected invoice. Have 200 northwest guns ready. lp. 5891
- Mar. 29 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 5892
- Mar. 30 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Encloses nos. 5785, 5789, 5823, 5864, 5820, 5858, and 5849. lp. 5893
- Mar. 30 — New York — To William Morrison, Berthier, Canada  
Details of request from Dr. Beaumont to employ Alexis St. Martin. Chippewa half-breed claims have not been paid but expects payment to be made at Lapointe in July. Gotte is in charge of Company's fisheries at old Grand Portage. L.B.O. 9:260-261 5894



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- Mar. 30 -- New York -- To the Catholic Herald, Philadelphia  
Re payment of Abbott's subscription. L.B.C. 9:262 5895
- Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has paid draft which settles account. L.B.C. 9:263 5896
- Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 9:264 5897
- Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses letter for William Morrison. Is grateful for  
prompt attention to Company's business with Hudson's Bay Co.  
Is pleased that stoves needed can be obtained later. L.B.C. 9:  
265 5898
- Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of accounts. Lampson has advised Company of re-  
sults of deer skin sale. Prices exceeded Company's most san-  
guine expectations. Re reports from interior. L.B.C. 9:266-  
267 5899
- Mar. 30 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
The Company is highly gratified with results of Lampson's  
sale. The Company realizes importance of one house in London  
controlling skins of all descriptions. Hopes to send all col-  
lections to Lampson. Re sales of certain deer skins. Raccoons  
will be abundant. Re accounts. L.B.C. 9:268-270 5900
- Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re accounts. Re desire of Company to pay full price for  
certain goods. Merchandise in port will be examined as soon as  
landed. L.B.C. 9:271-272 5901
- Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Details of account. Goods have arrived in port. L.B.C.  
9:273 5902
- Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Moses D. Burnet, Syracuse  
Discussion of Burnet's proposed terms to supply salt for  
Company's fisheries. Company prefers salt of Burnet's manufac-  
ture. L.B.C. 9:274-275 5903
- Mar. 30 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Have received request for money; enclose check for \$1,000.  
Complaint about quality and price of robes in last shipment. 1p.  
5904
- Mar. 30 -- Baltimore -- From Pearson & Sons  
Direct Company to draw draft in settlement of account. 1p  
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- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
The Company considers Parsons an honest and able business man; desires Parsons to manage Company's affairs at Buffalo in 1839. Does not hold Parsons responsible for actions of Treat & Carter and of American Transportation Co. Re draft to be collected. L.B.C. 9:276-277 5906
- Mar. 31 -- Vincennes -- George Hunt to William Brewster  
Report of his operations; those of rivals. Will go to Illinois. Beamon is Company's agent. Funds have been given Spafford. Enclosed in no. 6063. 2p. 5907
- Apr. 1 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knowler, Albany  
Has credited check on account. Details of quality and prices of robes sold to Knowlers. L.B.C. 9:278 5908
- Apr. 1 -- New York -- To P. & J. Powell, St. Louis  
Discussion of muskrat market in 1837 and prices received. L.B.C. 9:279 5909
- Apr. 1 -- New York -- To Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Has drawn draft for balance of account. Discussion of sales of muskrats and prices received. Spring trade is likely to be moderate. L.B.C. 9:280-281 5910
- Apr. 1 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Annexes abstract of account. Re funds to be paid to Sire. Have had no report from New Orleans regarding collision of steamers. L.B.C. 9:282 5911
- Apr. 1 -- Philadelphia -- Geisse & Korckhauss to -- Wendell  
Desire credit for amount of order annexed. Should see Grooks about order of brown garnets. 2p. 5912
- Apr. 1 -- Perrysburg -- From B. F. Hollister (per J. Hollister & Co.)  
Draft drawn. 1p. 5913
- Apr. 1 -- Boston -- From B. Homes  
Encloses check for balance of account due the Company. Asks for prices of robes. 1p. 5914
- Apr. 1 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re skins forwarded to the Company. 1p. 5915
- Apr. 1 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Proposal to act as agent in place of Treat & Carter whose assignee he now is. Discussion of Company's accounts with Treat & Carter. Grounded schooner is to be sold. Considers Rev. Smith's draft worthless. 2p. 5916
- Apr. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. 1p. 5917

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- Apr. 1 -- Pittsburgh. -- From Joseph Throckmorton  
Re draft drawn on Company. lp 5918
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- To George Mitchell, Penetanguishen,  
Canada  
Re terms on which Company will sell Mitchell's skins. No  
duty is required on undressed furs coming into U.S. Parsons is  
Company's agent at Buffalo. L.B.C. 9:283 5919
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Has corrected account. Is pleased that Mackenzie will  
soon return to St. Louis. L.B.C. 9:284 5920
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Regrets that fear of low prices prevented Pratte, Chouteau  
& Co. from buying every skin available. Details quality and  
sale of robes. Underwriters wish to know full account of in-  
jured steamer. Encloses letter from Kittson. Re Laidlaw's op-  
position. L.B.C. 9:285-286 5921
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- To Norman W. Kittson, St. Paul  
Details of non-acceptance of Kittson's draft at bank.  
Re protest. L.B.C. 9:287 5922
- Apr. 2 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have forwarded skins to New Orleans. Re drafts. Approves  
sale of deer skins made by firm. lp. 5923
- Apr. 2 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 5924
- Apr. 2 -- Albany -- From John J. Taaffe  
Encloses check to be credited on account. lp. 5925
- Apr. 3 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Deer skins have risen higher than in East. Taylor wants  
more than offered for crop. Competition will be violent in  
East and West. Rivals may have already secured Eastern and  
Canadian furs. lp. 5926
- Apr. 3 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet  
Has more salt on hand than was estimated. Details of  
terms agreed upon. 2p. 5927
- Apr. 3 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
The Company will take all garnets. Has paid Wendel.  
L.B.C. 9:288 5928
- Apr. 3 -- New York -- To B. Homes, Boston  
The Company has received remittance which closes account.  
Center can supply some red calf robes. L.B.C. 9:289 5929

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- Apr. 3 — Philadelphia — From Norman W. Kittson  
Gen. Ewing's note due previous Monday to be protested at  
Vandalia, Ill., if not already met. 1p. 5930
- Apr. 3 — Sault Ste. Marie — From John R. Livingston  
Mr. Ord has allowed Berthkeht to return to Indian country  
without trading license. Preparations for spring fisheries.  
1p. 5931
- Apr. 3 — Philadelphia — From Norman W. Kittson  
Requests information whether Gen. Ewing met his note due  
last Monday. If not, protest should be directed to him at  
Vandalia, Ill. 1p. 5932
- Apr. 3 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Re directions given to Merle & Co. to forward merchandise.  
1p. 5933
- Apr. 3 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Difficulties in securing canoe. Will purchase supplies  
as directed. Favors engaging Alexis St. Martin for Dr. Beau-  
mont of St. Louis. 2p. 5934
- Apr. 4 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Details of letters and drafts. Authority to draw drafts  
should be confined to fewest possible persons. Re poor manage-  
ment in sale of drafts. Fears some buyers may prove untrust-  
worthy. Money is scarce. Company desires victory without giv-  
ing opponents any just cause to complain of methods pursued.  
Discussion of negotiations with Comparet. Thinks Ewings aimed  
to deceive Company. Company desires to act fairly not only in  
appearance but in reality. Objects of Company should not be  
accomplished by any questionable course of proceedings. Dis-  
cussion of prices for raccoons. The Company will go any length  
within bound of reason to defeat rivals. Details of unfortu-  
nate relations with Treat & Carter. Discussion of probable  
future arrangements with Northern & Western Outfits. Re  
Crooks's desire not to make annual journeys to interior for  
supervision of business. Encloses Oakes's letter concerning  
Fond du Lac Department. Regrets that Aitken has gone into  
Sandy Lake country. Regrets lack of cordiality between Brew-  
ster and Livingston. Company desires reconciliation. Hopes to  
have more efficient U.S. official appointed in Ord's place at  
Prairie du Chien. If Company's advice is followed, few skins  
will get into rivals' hands. Lawe has only himself to blame in  
the matter of difficulties about goods. Will ship fur press  
and merchandise to Comparet & Colerick. Hopes coopers can be  
procured along Lake Erie. Re accounts. Expects Lampson soon.  
Details of fur market. Company never had account with Hunter,  
Palmer & Co. Hotte has started westward. Discusses report  
that Gov. Dodge favors St. Croix for payment of Chippewa half-  
breeds. Details of accounts. Currency of interior is in de-  
plorable condition. Apprehension of difficulty over Maine

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- boundary has injured business. Lawe's claims have been forwarded to Washington. Discusses Hollister's drafts. Annexes memorandum of papers enclosed. L.B.C. 9:290-308 5935
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Norman W. Kittson, Philadelphia  
Re protested draft. L.B.C. 9:309 5936
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Joseph Throckmorton, Pittsburgh  
Concerning increased funds at credit of Throckmorton, as directed by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 9:310 5937
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To John J. Taaffe, Albany  
Re check in payment of account. L.B.C. 9:311 5938
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay  
Has sent certificates for claims under Indian treaties to Washington. Expects claim under Sioux treaty to be paid. Urges Lawe to present his case early to new commission under Winnebago treaty. Discusses Lawe's complaints against Brewster in re supply of goods. Company consented to continue business with Lawe only as convenience to an old friend. Details directions given to Brewster to fill part of Lawe's order. Requests Lawe to reduce amount of account at early date. Re fur market. L.B.C. 9:312-315 5939
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To -- Smith, Johnstown, N. Y.  
Has shipped deer skins. L.B.C. 9:316 5940
- Apr. 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Annex receipt from transportation line and bill for beads. lp. 5941
- Apr. 4 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Will observe directions about shipment. No boat has been able to reach Prairie du Chien this season, due to ice. lp. 5942
- Apr. 4 -- Evansville -- James M. Spafford to William Brewster  
Draft drawn. Enclosed in no. 6063. lp. 5943
- Apr. 4 -- Evansville -- From James M. Spafford  
Draft drawn. lp. 5944
- Apr. 5 -- New York -- To Chas. H. Oakes, Grand River, Michigan  
Hopes Oakes will be ready to go to Lapointe by the first trip of the "Astor". Company does not understand tardy arrival of Fairbanks at Sandy Lake. Advises that demands of Leech Lake Indians in Bonga's case be considered and that Davenport act as trader. Aitken has violated the agreement made with Crooks, by going to Sandy Lake. Fears Aitken will intrigue against Company. Expects Oakes' plans in the matter of trade to be successful. L.B.C. 9:317-320 5945
- Apr. 5 -- New York -- To Van Tine, Present  
Annexes copy of account current. L.B.C. 9:321 5946

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- Apr. 5 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
 Re determination of Secretary of War to appoint a new  
 commission under Winnebago treaty. Poinsett is a very positive  
 official and substitutes his opinion for an existing law. En-  
 closes counterfeit note. Encloses letter for Sibley.  
 L.B.C. 9:323-324 5947
- Apr. 5 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
 Company would prefer to close account with Lawe at once  
 if Lawe were able to pay large sum he owes Company. Re sums  
 Lawe may obtain thru Indian negotiations. Advises that Lawe  
 be supplied with goods for 1839. L.B.C. 9:326-327 5948
- Apr. 5 -- New York -- To Henry Dodge, Georgetown, D. C.  
 Requests investigation of non-payment of account by  
 Ramsburg. L.B.C. 9:328-329 5949
- Apr. 5 -- New York -- To -- Dodge, Present  
 Re letter referring to shipment of deer skins.  
 L.B.C. 9:330 5950
- Apr. 5 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D.C.  
 Re draft drawn for amount of bill for deer skins, and  
 notice of non-acceptance. Desires explanation. L.B.C. 9:331  
 5951
- Apr. 5 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Re Throckmorton's credit. Re error in account.  
 L.B.C. 9:332 5952
- Apr. 5 -- Albany -- From Robert Hunter  
 Solicits transportation business of Company. 1p. 5953
- Apr. 6 -- Maskinouge, Canada -- From Clement H. Beaulieu  
 Re difficulties to secure a canoe; has employed A. Dugay,  
 canoe-maker for Hudson's Bay Company, to make canoe. Has em-  
 ployed ten men. 3p. 5954
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
 Annexes invoice for goods on Rolette's private order.  
 Canadian stoves will be shipped later. Details of accounts.  
 L.B.C. 9:333 5955
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
 Annexes invoice for goods. Re otter cap skin for Rolette.  
 L.B.C. 9:334 5956
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
 Encloses invoice for goods. Details of accounts. English  
 goods are in port. L.B.C. 9:335-336 5957
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Major Aeneas Mackay, Philadelphia  
 Requests information about having pistols made.  
 L.B.C. 9:337 5958

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- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To William Kemble  
Re change in date for delivery of powder. L.B.C. 9:338 5959
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Discussion of retention of Rolette's and Dousman's letters intended for War Department, and fear that these letters might be misconstrued as a threat against the government. Details of goods forwarded via New Orleans. Scarlet flannel can be obtained from Abbott at Mackinac. Re insurance terms. Discussion of muskrat market. L.B.C. 9:339-342 5960
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Merle & Co.  
Re shipment of goods to be forwarded to Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 9:343 5961
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re box to be forwarded to Copenhagen. L.B.C. 9:344 5962
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Goods have arrived in good order, but prices are too high. L.B.C. 9:345 5963
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Hopes Parsons can serve as agent for Company at Buffalo. Details of negotiations to be attempted with American Transportation Company. Re present status of Company's plans for forwarding business. L.B.C. 9:346-347 5964
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Robert Hunter, Albany  
Discussion of Company's transportation business. Requests payment of old account. L.B.C. 9:348 5965
- Apr. 6 -- Perrysburg -- From Benjamin F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. 1p. 5966
- Apr. 6 -- Perrysburg -- From Benjamin F. Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of purchasing operations and those of rivals. Is going to Messinaway and Wabash May 1; leaves agent at Defiance. 2p. Enclosed in no. 5998. 5967
- Apr. 6 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Re offer of schooner to pay part of debt to Company. Juneau's financial status is improving slowly. Is unable to collect any debts due Company. 1p. 5968
- Apr. 6 -- Berthier, Lower Canada -- From William Morrison  
Details of proposal to send Alexis St. Martin to Dr. Beaumont at St. Louis. Discussion of route. Re difficulty in getting canoes made. It is hard to dispose of landed property. 4p. 5969

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- Apr. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Will forward deer skins via New Orleans. lp. 5970
- Apr. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Skins from Osage and Sac posts cannot reach St. Louis due to low water. Concur in Company's opinion that only best deer skins should go to London. lp. 5971
- Apr. 6 -- Middletown -- From Elizabeth Rolette  
Details need for funds. May return home soon. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous.) 2p. 5972
- Apr. 6 -- Vincennes -- From James M. Spafford to William Brewster  
Will be able to get about \$7000 worth of furs in this section. Draft drawn. lp. Enclosed in no. 6063. 5973
- Apr. 6 -- Vincennes -- From James M. Spafford  
Draft drawn. lp. 5974
- Apr. 6 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Sailing of certain ship before goods were ready to ship. lp. 5975
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has received goods from England. Re parcel to be forwarded to Denmark. L.B.C. 9:349 5976
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Re directions about shipment of goods. Company is grateful for Boyer's aid in dealing with Beausoliel, Vallée & Co. L.B.C. 9:350-351 5977
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To Moses D. Burnett, Syracuse  
Discussion of order for salt. L.B.C. 9:352 5978
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Re payment made to Hudson's Bay Co. as requested. L.B.C. 9:353 5979
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of sales of deer skins. Has shipped goods for Western Outfit. Company has attempted to hire St. Martin for Beaumont. Details of accounts. L.B.C. 9:354-355 5980
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To William Brewster  
Annexes letter from Burnett about salt. Wishes to know sailing schedule of the brig. Has no prospect of receiving payment from Treat & Carter. L.B.C. 9:356 5981
- Apr. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Re difficulties about river freight. lp. 5982
- Apr. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 5983



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- Apr. 8 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Explains why draft was not paid. lp. 5984
- Apr. 9 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Details of legal papers necessary for collection of claim  
awarded to Paquette's children. L.B.O. 9:357 5985
- Apr. 9 -- New York -- To Elizabeth Roletta, Middletown, Pa.  
Company will honor draft. Advises more economy in expenditures. L.B.O. 9:359 5986
- Apr. 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Aeneas Mackay  
Can fill order for pistols at once. Price, \$30. lp. 5987
- Apr. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have forwarded furs and deer skins. Many eastern buyers  
are calling; have not made any sales in St. Louis. Will ship  
raccoons soon. lp. 5988
- Apr. 9 -- Mt. Carmel -- From James Spafford to William Brewster  
Has no more drafts. May buy \$4000 worth of furs on the  
Missouri. lp. Enclosed in no. 6063. 5989
- Apr. 9 -- Mt. Carmel -- From James Spafford  
Draft drawn. lp. 5990
- Apr. 9 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Encloses letter from Beaulieu about canoe. [Not enclosed]  
lp. 5991
- Apr. 10 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown  
Pleased that draft has been paid. L.B.O. 9:359 5992
- Apr. 10 -- New York -- To Henry Dodge, Georgetown, D. C.  
Jacob Ramsburg's draft has been paid. L.B.O. 9:360 5993
- Apr. 10 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Advises Brewster to conserve his health. Discussion of  
traders in Wabash country and need for better organization.  
Hotte has returned to N. Y. in bad humor at Brewster.  
L.B.O. 9:361-362 5994
- Apr. 10 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has not received any news from Europe. Money market is  
tight. L. B. O. 9:363 5995
- Apr. 10 -- Marseilles -- From Benjamin F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. lp. 5996
- Apr. 10 -- Vincennes -- From James Spafford to George Hunt  
Details prices offered on certain furs. Certain person  
promises to have 3 tons deer skins at Evansville for Company.  
Purchase of collection. lp. Enclosed in no. 6178; forwarded  
by Hunt to Brewster April 24, 1839. 5997

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- Apr. 11 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
High prices offered Comparat & Colerick are below average. Agreement with them about insurance of furs. Advises insurance of Wabash furs to N. Y. via Detroit. 1p. Encloses no. 5967. 5998
- Apr. 11 -- New York -- To Aeneas Mackay, Philadelphia  
Re funds to pay for pistols. L.B.C. 9:364 5999
- Apr. 11 -- New York -- To John Garland, Washington  
Re payment of school expenses of Garland's son. L.B.C. 9:365 6000
- Apr. 11 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Re condition of market for deer skins and muskrats. Fears Hotte will be difficult to manage. Advises letting him have raccoons at highest prices. Does not expect German buyers to get many Eastern collections. L.B.C. 9:366 6001
- Apr. 11 -- Logansport -- From George Hunt to William Brewster  
Details of purchasing operations in Illinois; operations of rivals. Funds given Spafford. 2p. Enclosed in no. 6063 6002
- Apr. 11 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Had to accept \$3000 on West. Is sending certain papers Clark had. 1p. 6003
- Apr. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Gratiot's case came up for hearing, April 10. 1p. 6004
- Apr. 11 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re enclosed drafts. 1p. 6005
- Apr. 12 -- Berthier -- From Clement H. Beaulieu  
Re transportation of Alexis St. Martin and family to St. Louis. 3p. 6006
- Apr. 12 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Has not yet reached a settlement with American Transportation Company. Discussion of Treat's action toward Company's claims. L.B.C. 9:367-368 6007
- Apr. 12 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Has received via Philadelphia a letter from Lampson reporting sales of raccoons at 35 to 40 per cent advance. Details prices. Annexes copy of Lampson's sale list. L.B.C. 9:374-375 6008
- Apr. 12 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Gratifying news has been received from Lampson concerning high prices received for raccoons. Cannot tell whether Hotte has news of Lampson's sale, but thinks dealers have not. Annexes copy of Lampson's sale list. L.B.C. 9:376-377 6009

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Apr. 12 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Highly gratified to be entrusted again with Company business. Will dispatch goods to St. Louis as directed. Approve plan that owners of packets should pay damage on articles of cargo. Re deer skins received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 2p.

6010

Apr. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.

Not a town on the Mississippi or Missouri that has not been infested this season with buyers of furs and skins. Poles, Germans, Jews, Yankees, agents from N.Y. and Detroit are showing themselves at every corner and watch every wagon that comes to St. Louis. Regrets inability to get more skins. A St. Louis house has lately received orders from Germany for very large consignments of skins and furs. 2p.

6011

Apr. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Directions for shipments. 1p.

6012

Apr. 13 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington

Has received draft for amount of Paquette's claim under treaty of 1837. L.B.O. 9:369

6013

Apr. 13 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Re bills accepted. L.B.O. 9:370

6014

Apr. 13 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Shipments of peltries have arrived. Expects to sell deer and otters without delay. Will ship other furs to London. Encloses draft. L.B.O. 9:371

6015

Apr. 13 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Expects guns soon. Will ship remainder of order at early date. London market offers high prices. Urges that raccoons be kept out of rivals' hands. L.B.O. 9:372

6016

Apr. 13 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien

Has sent documents concerning Paquette's claim to Washington. Report of Commissioners may yet be confirmed. Efforts are being made to enlist legislature of Pennsylvania. Expedient to propitiate Pennsylvania upon which Van Buren mainly depends for reelection. L.B.O. 9:373

6017

Apr. 13 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Details of consignments of deer skins. Goods for Prairie du Chien will be forwarded to St. Louis for reshipment. 2p.

6018

Apr. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re report from Lampson. Is pleased that goods will be shipped. L.B.O. 9:378

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- April 15 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Giving general results of Lampson's sale. Market is  
clear for new crop of peltries. L.B.O. 9:379 6020
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re loss sustained in business affairs with Beausoliel,  
Vallee & Co. Report of Lampson's sale. L.B.O. 9:380 6021
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- To Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Re delay in shipment of merchandise from Liverpool. Will  
make remittance on account. L.B.O. 9:381 6022
- Apr. 15 -- Perrysburg -- From B. F. Hollister (per Smith)  
Draft drawn. lp. 6023
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- From O. M. Lampson  
Details of advances in prices of various furs over prices  
of last sale. lp. 6024
- Apr. 15 -- Office Indian Affairs, Washington -- From T. Hartley  
Crawford  
Has received drafts of Rolette and Laws under Sioux treaty;  
payment will be made soon. Commissioner has not approved cer-  
tain drafts under Winnebago treaty. lp. 6025
- Apr. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Re order for scalping knives and cartouches. Wants articles  
of good appearance but cheap to offer to government. River is  
rising. Details legal suit between the General and United States.  
2p. (French) 6026
- Apr. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Will forward small shipment of furs, April 16. Re rival  
buyers. Mansell is greatest plague. Enclose certificate for  
collection at Washington. Rivers are rising; hope to receive  
Osage skins soon. lp. 6027
- Apr. 15 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Hope of getting Winnebago claims. Indians are hunting  
spring rats. Losses in 1836-7 of Western Outfit. lp. 6028
- Apr. 15 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details about transporting canoe and provisions, and the  
ordering of stoves. lp. 6029
- Apr. 16 -- Perrysburg -- From Benjamin F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. lp. 6030
- Apr. 16 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet  
Will be able to ship 500 barrels, May 15. lp. 6031

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- Apr. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Cannot dispose of Company's caps before next autumn. Re  
instructions to collect certain draft. 1p. 6032
- Apr. 16 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. 1p. 6033
- Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
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pany to carry freight between N. Y. and Lake Erie. Parsons will  
take charge of all Company property passing thru Buffalo. Re  
terms of payment. Details of goods to be shipped soon. Brew-  
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other agents at Buffalo. L.B.O. 9:382-384 6034
- Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Atwater & Ruden, Buffalo  
Discussion of Company business at Buffalo and services of  
Parsons for Company. L.B.O. 9:385 6035
- Apr. 17 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay  
Re report from Indian office on Lawe's certificates under  
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- Apr. 17 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Company is willing that Brewster should carry on business  
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- Apr. 17 -- Port Wayne -- From George Hunt to William Brewster  
Draft to furnish Hugh McCulloch with funds to purchase  
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- Apr. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles J. Nourse  
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should reach Prairie du Chien early. L.B.O. 9:391-392 6040
- Apr. 18 -- Perrysburg -- Benjamin F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. 1p. 6041

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Apr. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Major Hitchcock reports a new commission from the Indian Bureau to adjudicate Winnebago claims and apportion payment to half-breeds. Fleming is to be commissioner. Jury in Gratiot's case has been discharged. lp. 6042

Apr. 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster to Benjamin F. Hollister

Send runners out to buy raccoons before competitors hear of London sales; use McKnight and Sprague (bearer of letter) if necessary. lp. Enclosed in no. 6063. 6043

Apr. 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster to George Hunt

Must not give Spafford large funds. Directions for buying raccoons before London sales results are known. Can get funds at Fort Wayne bank. Requests copy of bill of purchase at Goldwater. Hunt is to send contract to Brewster if he cannot receive L. M. Taylor's skins at South Bend. 2p. Enclosed in no. 6063. 6044

Apr. 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Ordered Hollister to do utmost to overcome competition when he was in Detroit. Paid London prices on certain purchases. lp. 6045

Apr. 19 -- New York -- To Moses D. Burnett, Syracuse  
Re delivery of salt at Buffalo. L.B.C. 9:393

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Apr. 19 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington

Has sent Treasury draft to St. Louis rather than submit to sacrifice required by Wall Street gentlemen. L.B.C. 9:394 6047

Apr. 19 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany

Re desire of Company to purchase Knowers' collection of skins. L.B.C. 9:395 6048

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Will not need further funds. Does not pay such high prices as do the Ewings. lp. 6049

Apr. 19 -- Lancaster, Pa. -- From Henry E. Leman

Has heard that rifles bought from Leman were not satisfactory to Company. Desires to adjust anything Company complains of. Anxious to have Company business. lp. 6050

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Major Stuart came down from Prairie du Chien, April 18. Buyers from Indiana are offering high prices for skins on western boundary. Re skins received from Sac Outfit. lp.

6052

Apr. 19 -- Trieste -- From -- Suppantischitsch

Requests that boxes addressed to Baraga be forwarded by Company. lp. (French)

6053

Apr. 20 -- New York -- To Menard, Vallé & Co., Ste. Genevieve  
Skins have arrived in good order. L.B.C. 9:396

6054

Apr. 20 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Fears recklessness of opponents may compel Company to allow some skins to pass into their hands. Company is anxious to buy enough to control London market. Hotte is playing desperate game. Will arrange insurance on shipments. Details drafts. Re contract with American Transportation Company to carry freight between New York and Lake Erie. Parsons is Company agent at Buffalo, Annexes list of drafts. L.B.C. 9:397-398

6055

Apr. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Regret that money is scarce in New York. lp.

6056

Apr. 20 -- Washington -- From William B. Lewis

Will transmit to Crooks amount of claim of John Lawe, under 3rd clause of 2nd article of Treaty with Sioux of Mississippi, Sept. 29, 1837. lp.

6057

Apr. 20 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Discussion of contract with Comparet & Colerick. Re action of purchasing agents regarding drafts and funds. Hoette relies on dishonest men. Has instructed Company agents to be honorable. Must be allowed to use his discretion in buying; glad to receive suggestions. Discusses possibility of Treat & Carter's paying debt. Sorry Crooks will not have Detroit warehouse erected on Company's account. Competent person should be placed in charge of Northern Outfit to obviate Crooks's yearly visit. Received Comparet & Colerick's order for cloth, blankets etc. Will have large collection of muskrats. Will do what he can for Halsey's claims. Will send Lawe provisions as Crooks asks. Hoette is in New York. Details of fur purchase. Sprague has been sent to Maumee, Franchere to Louisville, Dayton and Cincinnati. 5p.

6058

Apr. 20 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster to R. L. McKnight

McKnight will please send on Brewster's letter to Hollister with utmost secrecy and haste if Hollister has left Defiance before Sprague arrives with letter. Advises him to offer any price to get all skins. McKnight is to stay in section to aid Hollister and to send Franchere information about possible purchases in Cincinnati etc. lp. Enclosed in no. 6063.

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Apr. 20 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons

Will accept Company agency at Buffalo. Grounded schooner has been sold for account of Oliver Newberry; has advised Brewster of this fact. 2p. 6060

Apr. 20 -- Middletown -- From Elizabeth Rolette

Has received funds and will not need to draw on Company at present. 1p. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous) 6061

Apr. 22 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster to George Hunt

Reproof for giving Spafford blank drafts. Will examine his accounts or send Furey to do it. 3p. Enclosed in no. 6063 6062

Apr. 22 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Results of last sale gratifying. Docketader's firm will have large fur collection. Is having all fish on hand examined and repacked; sales good; prices. 2p. Encloses nos. 5907, 5943, 5973, 5989, 6002, 6043, 6044, 6059, 6062. 6063

Apr. 22 -- New York -- To Gott & Sons, Leeds

Encloses draft to be credited on account. L.B.C. 9:399 6064

Apr. 22 -- New York -- To wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Details of accounts. Confirms account sales as correct. Lampson's sale surpassed Company's expectations. L.B.C. 9:400-401 6065

Apr. 22 -- New York -- To Henry E. Leman, Lancaster

Details of filling orders for rifles. L.B.C. 9:402 6066

Apr. 22 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Expects prospects to continue good for skins. Will advise of changes in market. Company does not favor encouraging buyers to visit St. Louis. Discussion of influence of Russian tariff and Russian buyers on London sales. Advise that sales be concentrated in Lampson's hands. L.B.C. 9:403-405 6067

Apr. 22 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower

Desires to purchase fine otter skins, if Company should obtain any. 1p. 6068

Apr. 22 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Will give attention to goods consigned to Rolette. Re furs forwarded. 2p. 6069

Apr. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.

Re order for rifles which government may take. 1p. (French) 6070

Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Bates & Son, Boston

Re accounts. L.B.C. 9:406 6071

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- Apr. 23 — New York — To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Re changes in orders for merchandise. Requests that Rolette be supplied with any articles needed. Has shipped goods. Recent sales in London were very good. The Company desires to purchase all skins within reach. Re importance of having small boat built at Lapointe. L.B.C. 9:407-408 6072
- Apr. 23 — Washington — From John Garland  
Lucius Lyon, former Senator from Michigan, is appointed to make out half-breed pay roll at Lapointe where payment will be made. The money will pass thru hands of Schoolcraft. Fleming who is appointed to examine Winnebago affairs was Commissioner last year for Sac and Fox claims. Indian department is much in need of capable head. 2p. 6073
- Apr. 23 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs. 1p. 6074
- Apr. 23 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re robes shipped. Re drafts. 1p. 6075
- Apr. 24 — New York — To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Can supply otters. L.B.C. 9:409 6076
- Apr. 24 — New York — To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Re merchandise shipped to Buffalo to be forwarded to the upper lakes. Re need for prompt shipment and directions for forwarding. L.B.C. 9:410 6077
- Apr. 24 — New York — To Samuel Flewelling, National Bank  
Requests that checks of Stephen A. Halsey as president pro tem of the Company be honored. L.B.C. 9:411 6078
- Apr. 24 — New York — To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses invoice for English goods, which have been shipped via New Orleans. Re insurance on property of Western Outfit. Crooks will go to Washington to find out about claims under Winnebago treaty. L.B.C. 9:417 6079
- Apr. 24 — New York — To Charles W. Borup  
Doty sent petition re Chippewa half-breeds to the War Department but has had no reply. Crooks has decided to go to Washington. Beaulieu and boatmen will leave Montreal early in May. Will ship domestic goods soon. English importations are expected. Encloses annual papers for Northern Outfit. Crooks plans to start for interior June 1. L.B.C. 9:418-419 6080
- Apr. 24 — New York — To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Order for goods was reduced but will supply additional goods when needed. Desires Livingston to remain in charge of Company's business at St. Mary's. L.B.C. 9:420 6081

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- Apr. 24 -- Washington -- From John Garland  
Encloses draft for \$1000 to be applied to son's expenses.  
Re deeds for Paquette's children. Will forward pamphlet relating to contracts. lp. 6082
- Apr. 24 -- Washington -- From John Campbell  
Re enclosed Treasury drafts. lp. 6083
- Apr. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Enclose draft to be collected and credited on account. lp. 6084
- Apr. 24 -- Logansport -- From George Hunt to William Brewster  
Discussion of his operations and those of Ewing. Fury is collecting his skins in vicinity. Enclosed in no. 6178. 2p. 6085
- Apr. 24 -- Fredericksburg -- From Joseph Rolette, Jr.  
Is not able to travel and is in need of funds. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous). lp. 6086
- Apr. 25 -- Logansport -- George Hunt to William Brewster  
Ewing and Walker want the Company to ship their skins; might sell to the Company. Company runners were sent out as far as Rock River from Logansport. Evans (competitor) may sell to the Company. Enclosed in no. 6178. 2p. 6087
- Apr. 25 -- Boston -- From Henry Hill (Treasurer of A. B. F. M.)  
Encloses bill of lading for 11 packages for Mr. Hall and Mr. Ayer. Asks that these be forwarded as requested by (Board) secretary, Mr. Armstrong. lp. 6088
- Apr. 25 -- Indianapolis -- From George Hunt (per Furey)  
Draft drawn. lp. 6089
- Apr. 25 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Prices paid are high but competitors pay higher average. Details of purchase. Notes change of Buffalo agency to Peter L. Parsons. Goods order enclosed. Goods, etc. sent to Saginaw last fall secured skins in that region; expects about \$5000 worth from there for the present season. lp. 6090
- Apr. 25 -- St. Andrews, Canada -- From Robert McVicar  
Application for employment. Details of qualifications, including being a friend of Franchere. 2p. 6091
- Apr. 25 -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell  
Much offended by Crooks's recent letters. Explanation of number of packs shipped and how one pack was lost. Thinks the transportation company will pay him for that pack. 3p. 6092

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Apr. 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re accounts. Are content with account of sales. lp. 6093

Apr. 26 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Check enclosed for \$2,000. Requests information about  
otter skins. lp. 6094

Apr. 26 -- Washington -- To John B. Whetten  
Has learned that the President is immovable in his deter-  
mination to have entire reexamination of Winnebago claims, both  
of traders and half-breeds. Judge Fleming is appointed sole  
commissioner to hold investigation at Prairie du Chien. Flem-  
ing settled affairs of Sacs and Foxes in 1838. Advises that no  
more money be idle in bank than is necessary to meet payments.  
(Western Outfit Miscellaneous). 2p. 6095

Apr. 26 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re Beaulieu's difficulties. Alexis St. Martin is not  
trustworthy. Draft drawn. lp. 6096

Apr. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to J. & B. Knower, Al-  
bany  
Has credited check on account. Has no fine otters on hand.  
L.B.C. 9:421 6097

Apr. 27 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to Merle & Co., New Or-  
leans  
Re receipt of damaged skins. Encloses bill of lading for  
packages to be sent to Rolette. L.B.C. 9:422 6098

Apr. 27 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses check as directed by Menard & Vallée. L.B.C. 9:  
423 6099

Apr. 27 -- New York -- From Philip Grandin (for American Trans-  
portation Company)  
Asks for short loan from the Company to pay unusual expen-  
ses. Will repay it as soon as boats from Buffalo arrive. lp.  
6100

Apr. 28 -- Green Bay -- John Lawe to William Brewster  
Heard that Crooks received drafts from Sioux and Winnebago  
treaties. Re sustaining loss for corn and whiskey not delivered,  
himself. Discussion of Crooks's implication he has wanted to buy  
goods elsewhere. Regrets necessity of delaying his payments. Re-  
quests Brewster to send him his needs for 1839. Will follow  
Crooks's instructions about buying furs. Rolette competes with  
him. Enclosed in no. 6175. 2p. 6101

Apr. 29 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Is going immediately to Defiance to secure valuable collec-  
tion of furs. lp. 6102

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- Apr. 29 — New York — To Menard & Vallée, Ste. Genevieve  
Encloses account of sales. Has remitted net proceeds of  
sales to Siter, Price & Co. Discussion of condition of various  
furs and skins. L.B.O. 9:424 6103
- Apr. 29 — New York — To William B. Lewis, Washington  
Has received drafts in payment of certificates under Sioux  
treaty. L.B.O. 9:425 6104
- Apr. 29 — New York — To T. H. Crawford, Commissioner of Indi-  
an Affairs, Washington  
Requests remittance for enclosed certificates under Sac  
and Fox treaty of 1837. L.B.O. 9:426 6105
- Apr. 29 — New York — To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has credited draft on account. L.B.O. 9:427 6106
- Apr. 29 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts and shipments. Is gratified that rising  
rivers may facilitate receipt of returns from the Indian coun-  
try. New commission to decide claims under Winnebago treaty  
will meet at Prairie du Chien. L.B.O. 9:428 6107
- Apr. 29 — Cincinnati — From Gabriel Franchère  
Fur dealings with David of Dayton. Failure of efforts to  
get furs from others. Is on way to Louisville to try luck  
there. 2p. 6108
- Apr. 29 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Have forwarded to St. Louis goods for Prairie du Chien.  
Re furs received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 2p. 6109
- Apr. 30 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Discussion of Chouteau's directions to Merle & Co. about  
forwarding goods. Geo. Hunt visited St. Louis only because of  
need of funds. Hordes of skin speculators in the interior have  
compelled the Company to pay unreasonably high prices. Will  
forward knives at once. English goods are in port. Loubat ex-  
pects French blankets daily. Is glad that jury did not pro-  
nounce against Gratiot; expect him to win at next trial.  
L.B.O. 9:429-431 6110
- Apr. 30 — New York — To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Details of invoices and accounts. Encloses bill of ex-  
change to be credited on account. L.B.O. 9:432 6111
- Apr. 30 — New York — To Hiram Sutler, Sheffield  
Goods have arrived in port. Fears fire steels are not so  
sped as desired. Re accounts. L.B.O. 9:433 6112
- Apr. 30 — New York — To Wilson, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of accounts. Re invoice and accounts not yet re-

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- received. Details of directions to pay Gott & Sons and Outler.  
L.B.O. 9:434 6113
- Apr. 30 -- New Orleans -- From Harle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. 1p. 6114
- Apr. 30 -- St. Louis -- From Pratts, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of furs. Osage skins have not yet arrived. 1p.  
6115
- Apr. 30 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of check for account of Menard, Vallé  
& Co. 1p. 6116
- May 1 -- New York -- To J. J. Astor, Present  
Encloses check for Astor's share of claim under Sioux  
treaty of 1837. L.B.O. 9:435 6117
- May 1 -- New York -- To William A. Bradley, Washington  
Discussion of relations with Webster and proposed sale of  
property authorized by Webster. L.B.O. 9:436 6118
- May 1 -- New York -- To Francis Renaud, Pittsburgh  
Has forwarded letters to France. Re goods to be forwarded  
to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. L.B.O. 9:437 6119
- May 1 -- New York -- To Samuel Stocking, Utica  
Re draft ordered to be collected without delay. Requests  
reply from Stocking. The Company desires to close all accounts  
for robes; requests remittance from Stocking & Hunt. L.B.O. 9:  
438 6120
- May 1 -- New York -- From John J. A. Ebbetts  
Circular -- Announces his entrance into business of stock  
and exchange broker. 1p. 6121
- May 1 -- Detroit -- From Mead, Kellogg & Co.  
Re operation of small steamboat between Green Bay and  
Mackinac. Also, advocates opening public house at Mackinac and  
desires assistance from the Company. 2p. 6122
- May 1 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Will forward box to Copenhagen without expense. 1p. 6123
- May 1 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Will honor bills drawn by the Company. The "Great Western"  
is late in arriving. 1p. 6124
- May 2 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
The Company hopes to induce Stocking to make fair offer of  
settlement. Thinks Stocking has property. L.B.O. 9:439 6125

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- May 2 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Has forwarded goods to Pittsburgh. Encloses invoices.  
English goods will be landed in a few days. L.B.O. 9:440 6126
- May 2 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Regrets that opponents are fighting for furs on western  
boundary. The Company never before encountered such stubborn  
rivals. Advises that opponents be allowed slight success.  
Struggle is desperate in all quarters. Re sale of deer skins.  
Annexes abstract of account. General trade of New York has im-  
proved. Discount can again be had at Christian rates. L.B.O.  
9:441-442 6127
- May 2 -- New York -- To Menard, Vallé & Co., Ste. Genevieve  
Encloses copy of account of sales. L.B.O. 9:443 6128
- May 2 -- South Bend -- George Hunt to William Brewster  
Details of operations. Details of Coquillard's collection.  
Is returning to Logansport; will meet Furey there. Enclosed in  
no. 6178. 1p. 6129
- May 3 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Will urge Laws and Portier to press claims. Thinks Indian  
hunts were good; has instructed Laws and Juneau to purchase all  
skins possible. DuBay received his provisions from Mitchell. 1p  
6130
- May 3 -- Washington -- From William A. Bradley  
Summary of letter of March 19. Webster has made Bradley a  
trustee for the benefit of the Company. 1p. 6131
- May 3 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Re order for 100 Lancaster pattern rifles at \$9.50 each.  
Requests shipment soon. L.B.O. 9:445 6132
- May 3 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Has ordered rifles which will be forwarded with least pos-  
sible delay. L.B.O. 9:445 6133
- May 3 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Has also shipped  
goods for Abbott's private account. Will forward twines. Ad-  
vises that Laws be furnished whatever goods he needs. Annexes  
statement for requisitions. L.B.O. 9:446-447 6134
- May 3 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Discussion of terms of contract with coopers. Approves  
Livingston's decided course toward Berthkaht. The Company is  
gratified that Livingston will have store house built without  
aid of Holbrook. Encloses invoice for goods. Annexes memoran-  
dum concerning order. L.B.O. 9:448-449 6135



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- May 3 -- New York -- To Henry Hill, Boston  
 Goods for missionaries have been received and forwarded to  
 Lapoints. L.B.C. 9:450 6136
- May 3 -- Madison -- From N. D. Grover  
 Has drawn drafts given him by George Hunt. lp. 6137
- May 3 -- Perrysburg -- B. F. Hollister to the Company (per  
 Smith)  
 Draft drawn. lp. 6138
- May 3 -- Montreal -- From James McKay  
 Application for position under the Company with account of  
 his past experience. 2p. 6139
- May 3 -- Evansville -- James M. Spafford to George Hunt  
 Details of Ewing's operations; contractors are friendlier  
 to the Company than to Ewing agents. Details of operations.  
 lp. Enclosed in no. 6250. 6140
- May 4 -- Montreal -- From Clement Beaulieu  
 Request for \$70 for personal use. Is ready to start on  
 voyage with men engaged for the Company. lp. 6141
- May 4 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
 Details of furs offered at Defiance; were bought by Ewing  
 at too high a price. Hopes Crooks will decide to purchase  
 Stone's furs. Notes that Juneau is buying for the Company.  
 Draft for broken fur contract to be protested. It is difficult  
 to get coopers for Lake Superior. Lyon has been appointed com-  
 missioner to settle half-breed claims at Lapointe. 3p. 6142
- May 4 -- New York -- To Robert McVicar  
 The Company has no position for McVicar. L.B.C. 9:451 6143
- May 4 -- New York -- To John Garland, Washington  
 The Company desires to know instructions that government  
 gives Fleming concerning the Winnebago claims. Details of the  
 difficulty in keeping workmen when government commission is  
 expected. L.B.C. 9:452-453 6144
- May 4 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
 Discussion of George Hunt's handling of drafts, visit to  
 St. Louis, etc. Re Hotte's success at Louisville and Fran-  
 chere's lack of expert knowledge about quality of raccoons.  
 Crooks prefers to go without skins rather than realize hopes by  
 any sacrifice of reputation. Franchere's presence at Lake Su-  
 perior can be dispensed with until the middle of June. Annexes  
 list of drafts. L.B.C. 9:454-456 6145

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- May 4 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts. Annexes copy of account of sales from  
London. L.B.O. 9:457 6146
- May 4 — New York — To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Re condition of recent shipments on arrival. L.B.O. 9:458  
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- May 4 — New York — To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Re instructions about fire insurance policy. Powder has  
been shipped. Details of account. Secretary of War was immov-  
able in re claims under Winnebago treaty. Even a letter from  
Astor failed have any effect. Re-examination is to take place  
at Prairie du Chien. Stanford represents Fleming as impartial  
business man. Details of shipment of goods from New Orleans.  
Annexes prices at recent London sale. Re division of funds of  
certain Sioux certificate. L.B.O. 9:459-462 6148
- May 4 — New York — To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Re goods shipped. Stoves will be forwarded from Montreal.  
Re accounts. Details of Rolette's share of claims of certain  
Sioux certificate. L.B.O. 9:463 6149
- May 4 — New York — To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Discussion of deed returned to Dousman by Garland for fur-  
ther action. Re visit of Dousman's brother to New York to pur-  
chase goods. Re statement of Dousman's share of certain Sioux  
certificate. L.B.O. 9:464 6150
- May 4 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of furs and skins. Have shipped all muskrats  
on hand. Goods for Prairie du Chien have arrived from New Or-  
leans. 2p. 6151
- May 5 — Cincinnati — From Gabriel Franchere  
Few deer and racoon skins were obtained in Louisville.  
1p. 6152
- May 5 — Arlington, Va. — From R. E. Lee  
Details of partial payment by U.S. of certain claim pre-  
sented in favor of Col. A. P. Chouteau. Lee has forwarded  
draft on Missouri Bank to St. Louis. 1p. 6153
- May 6 — New York — To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Regrets that Indians were doing so little hunting. Col-  
lections of peltries should be as large as possible. Any goods  
remaining in sutler's store should be disposed of before the  
expiration of Sibley's commission. Poinsett does not expect  
to disturb regular traders in Fort Snelling region. Discussion  
of difficulty in decreasing prices that are once raised. An-  
nexes list of prices prevailing at London sale. L.B.O. 9:465-  
467 6154

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- May 6 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
 Re accounts and Sibley's share of certain Sioux certificates. Nothing can be obtained under Winnebago treaty until new commission decides claims. L.B.C. 9:468 6155
- May 6 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
 Desires that canoe for trip to Sault Ste. Marie should not be overloaded. Re directions about forwarding goods. The Company earnestly desires that no liquor should be allowed to any of Beaulieu's men. Annexes list of papers and documents to be sent to Livingston and Borup. Parson is Company's agent at Buffalo. May advance \$200 to Beaulieu if needed. L.B.C. 9:469-471 6156
- May 6 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
 Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 9:472 6157
- May 6 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Discussion of difficulties with Customs officials due to lack of invoice. Re Company's approval of removal of goods from certain vessel. Lamoson has gone to Ohio and Michigan. L.B.C. 10:4 6158
- May 6 -- Cincinnati -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster  
 Details of purchases, prices and operations in Louisville, etc. Enclosed in no. 6209. 1p. 6159
- May 6 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
 Statement of rifles on hand and proposals for filling the Company's order. 1p. 6160
- May 6 -- Burlington -- George Hunt to William Brewster  
 Entrusted Spafford with funds as number of competitors made it impossible to attend to all matters personally. On way to investigate Spafford's accounts. Details his and Ewing's operations. Enclosed in no. 6209. 2p. 6161
- May 6 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
 No goods have arrived; condition of canal is likely to cause delays. Facilities for shipping to Mackinac are good but no direct transportation to the Sault. Re arrangements for shipping from Detroit to the Sault. Will ship Burnet's salt on the "Crooks". 3p. 6162
- May 7 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Details of invoices and contracts to be forwarded by Vallée, Boyer & Co., and directions for paying guide. All expenses of canoe expedition should be charged to Northern Outfit. Advise that workmen be paid in money rather than in goods from store. Beaulieu's new canoe if not needed should be sent to Lapointe. Re information to be sent to Borup. Beaulieu will be directed to assist Livingston. Annexes list of goods that will be sent from Canada. L.B.C. 10:1-3 6163

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- May 7 — New York — To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Discussion of receipt of goods without any invoice.  
L.B.O. 10:5 6164
- May 7 — New York — To O. M. Lampson, London  
Re minor error in account of sales. Is grateful for particulars of Messrs. Rows' sale of deer skins. Prices for all skins are at unreasonable height. The Company cannot allow collections of 1839 to go into rivals' hands. Principal opponents are Hotte and other foreigners who have runners in all parts of the wilderness. Lampson has gone to Ohio to visit friends. L.B.O. 10:6-7 6165
- May 7 — New York — To Clement H. Beaulieu, Maskinonge, Canada  
Is pleased with Beaulieu's report of workmen hired, etc. Vallee, Boyer & Co. have been directed to furnish all supplies needed for Beaulieu's expedition to the upper lakes. No liquor is to be allowed. Details directions to Beaulieu about goods, papers, etc., to be delivered to Livingston. Re account between Beaulieu and Vallee, Boyer & Co. Details of instructions to Beaulieu concerning his responsibility for the journey. L.B.O. 10:8-10 6166
- May 7 — Monroeville — B. F. Hollister to the Company (per E. B. Perkins)  
Draft drawn. lp. 6167
- May 7 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 6168
- May 7 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Box for Copenhagen has been forwarded. lp. 6169
- May 8 — New York — To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Want Beaulieu's workmen at Lake Superior as early as possible. Re letters and papers enclosed. Requests Vallee, Boyer & Co. to give Beaulieu and his guide advice about voyage. Details of missing parts of stoves to be supplied. L.B.O. 10:11-12 6170
- May 8 — New York — To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has credited draft on account. Re balance due on note. L.B.O. 10:13 6171
- May 8 — New York — To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Re directions for delivery of rifles. L.B.O. 10:14 6172
- May 8 — New York — To William Morrison, Berthier, Canada  
Advises that St. Martin should not be employed until Dr. Beaumont gives further directions. Crooks considers Lake Superior business now in better condition than in past. Expects Chippewa half-breed money to be paid at Lapointe. Crooks expects to be present at payment. L.B.O. 10:15-16 6173

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- May 8 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Peltries have arrived in port and will be landed soon. Fine deer skins continue in good demand in England. L.B.O. 10:17 6174
- May 8 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Henry will fill order for rifles. Encloses duplicate invoices. Will ship English goods as soon as obtained from Custom House. L.B.O. 10:18 6175
- May 8 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. L.B.O. 10:19 6176
- May 8 — Milwaukee — From Solomon Juneau  
Was not aware that the Company desired him to purchase all peltries in region. Has small collection. Can secure large trade next season, as Indians prefer to deal with Juneau. Has written to Abbott about supply of Indian goods for next winter. Will forward furs to Mackinac. lp. 6177
- May 8 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Remarks on information in enclosed letters. Shipped provisions to Lave and asked for further order. Bushnell is in Detroit; will stay until Indian money arrives. Lyon is in city. 50 packs of skins have been shipped. Lampson has not yet arrived. Encloses nos. 5997, 6085, 6087, 6101, and 6129. lp. 6178
- May 8 — Syracuse — From Moses D. Burnet  
Details of salt shipped and ready for shipment. Breaches in canal banks makes transportation undependable. lp. 6179
- May 8 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 6180
- May 9 — New York — To James McKay, Montreal  
The Company has no position available for McKay. May have need for competent help in the interior. L.B.O. 10:20 6181
- May 9 — New York — To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Details of contents of previous letter to Parsons which has not been acknowledged. Re shipment of powder and certain goods. L.B.O. 10:21 6182
- May 9 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re sale of deer skins. Speculators at New Orleans have decreased prices somewhat. L.B.O. 10:22 6183
- May 9 — New York — To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Discussion of filling order for supplies. Ox-hide shoes will be sent from Montreal. Re goods to be forwarded to Wm. Mitchell at Green Bay. L.B.O. 10:23 6184

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- May 9 — New York — To Mead, Kellogg & Co., Detroit  
Discussion of proposal that the Company's property at Mackinac be converted into a hotel. L.B.C. 10:24 6185
- May 9 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
The Company is pleased with the sale of muskrats. Is disappointed not to hear from Leipzig fair. Re shipment of furs and skins. Re high cost of peltries due to mad competition. L.B.C. 10:25 6186
- May 9 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re shipment of peltries to Lampson. L.B.C. 10:26 6187
- May 9 — Perrysburg — B. F. Hollister to the Company (per R. L. McKnight)  
Drafts drawn. lp. 6188
- May 9 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Re skins and furs forwarded to the Company. Robes will be forwarded soon. lp. 6189
- May 9 — Utica — From Samuel Stocking  
Has visited Canada but had very little success in making collections. Will make remittance to the Company as soon as funds are received. Re robes damaged in shipping. lp. 6190
- May 9 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Request that bill for certain sum be remitted to Colia Lament on account of K. Mackenzie for purchase of best highland whiskey. Have received deer skins. The "Antelope" was grounded 40 miles below the bluffs. The "Pirate" laden with merchandise for Otto post and provisions for upper posts struck snag and sunk. lp. 6191
- May 10 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
Biddle & Drew have given the Company refusal of their skins. Wishes raccoon prices; buyers are numerous. Mitchell is going to New York. lp. 6192
- May 10 — New York — To Martin Bates & Son  
Encloses note for which full amount has been received. L.B.C. 10:27 6193
- May 10 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re contents of previous letter. Wishes statement of McKay's ability. L.B.C. 10:28 6194
- May 10 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
The Company deplures severe journeys that Brewster is called upon to make concerning fur purchasing campaign. Discussion of shipment of merchandise. Burnett will furnish more salt. Details of drafts held by too many buyers. Hotte has

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driven up prices but got nothing. Wishes Brewster's opinion about opening hotel at Mackinac establishment. L.B.O. 10:29 6195

May 10 — Cincinnati — From Gabriel Franchere  
Leaves tomorrow for Detroit. Small lots of furs were bought in Cincinnati. Draft payable. 1p. 6196

May 10 — Logansport — John Furey to William Brewster  
Large part of shipment to Perrysburg bought of Ewing contractors. Ewings are making contracts for 1840. Mentions the Company's prospects. Enclosed in no. 6250. 1p. 6197

May 10 — Sault Ste. Marie — From John R. Livingston  
Packing account of furs sent. Arrival of the "Crooks" with fish cargo. Plans for new warehouse and first voyage of the "Astor." up the lake. 1p. 6198

May 10 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Discussion of goods already ordered from England and France. Has great need for blankets. Expects new orders from Sacs and Otters. Will not suffer from loss of lead and flour. Is suspicious of Hunt's movements. Will complete contracts with the government. 1p. (French) 6199

May 11 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
Wants blankets, cloth, strouds forwarded immediately. 1p. 6200

May 11 — New York — To William Mitchell, Green Bay  
Details shipment of merchandise and powder for Prairie du Chien. Re directions for forwarding goods. Robes should be sent to Brewster and all other skins to Buffalo. The Company desires to be regularly informed of shipments. L.B.O. 10:30-31 6201

May 11 — New York — To Moses D. Burnett, Syracuse  
The Company is pleased that Burnett can furnish salt. L.B.O. 10:32 6202

May 11 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
The Company approves Brewster's action with Ewings. Thinks Hotte will not get Stone's skins. Re sailing schedule of brig. Burnett has forwarded salt to Buffalo. Discussion of probability of some buyers being reckless with the Company's funds. Details report from St. Louis of Edsall's failure to get any skins. The Company is pleased that Lyon is to settle Chippewa half-breed claims at Lapointe. Re supplies to be furnished Berup. Has authorized Mitchell to draw on Brewster for freight bill. L.B.O. 10:33-35 6203

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- May 11 — New York — To H. Bromley, Philadelphia  
Re bill for muskrats. L.B.C. 10:36 6204
- May 11 — Leeds — From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Discussion of complaints of the Company about services rendered by Gotts. Are anxious to have report of the Company on comparative value of English and French blankets. lp. 6205
- May 11 — New York — From Philip Grandin  
Breaks in canal has prevented boats from arriving; transportation company has received no money from cargoes and freight. Asks Company for another short loan. lp. 6206
- May 12 — Prairie du Chien — From Hercules L. Dousman  
Draft enclosed. lp. 6207
- May 13 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses order for Lawe's trade. [Not enclosed.] lp. 6208
- May 13 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Told agents not to buy near St. Louis to avoid competition with Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Lampson has gone to Cleveland; Brewster wishes to see him and Crooks together. Encloses nos. 6159 and 6161. lp. 6209
- May 13 — Detroit — William Brewster to L. M. Taylor  
Requests Taylor act for the Company at sale of Coquillard's furs; prices to pay. Enclosed in no. 6348. 2p. 6210
- May 13 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of delayed letters and invoices received. L.B.C. 10:37 6211
- May 13 — New York — To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Details of receipt of invoice in time to satisfy Custom House regulations. L.B.C. 10:38 6212
- May 13 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has received delayed letters and catalogs. Fears Company will lose on skins unless prices rise. L.B.C. 10:39 6213
- May 13 — New York — To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Encloses copy of account. Requests payment. Cannot consent to loss of pack of robes. L.B.C. 10:40 6214
- May 13 — New York — To L. Hurd & Co., Schenectady  
Re directions about returning and forwarding certain packages. L.B.C. 10:41 6215
- May 13 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Re furs and skins received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 6216



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- May 13 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
The Company's goods have not arrived due to breaks in canal. Will have to change shipping arrangements. Burnet has salt ready to ship. Has furs and deer skins from Brewster ready to forward. 2p. 6217
- May 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Chouteau has set out for New York. 1p. 6218
- May 13 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe to William Brewster  
Flour barrels damaged. Would like assortment of woollens, etc., for Indian trade. Needs more whiskey. Enclosed in no. 6337. 1p. 6219
- May 13 -- Vincennes -- From James M. Spafford  
Drafts drawn. 1p. 6220
- May 13 -- Astor House, New York -- From Daniel Webster  
Webster desires to see Crooks. 1p. 6221
- May 14 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Fears returns will be very poor. Aitken abstains from interference with trade. Re Berthkeht's return to Ance. Fears Davenport at Ance has not enough energy. Re distribution of supplies. Scott is ready for fishing at Fond du Lac. Needs twine and hooks. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839). 4p. 6222
- May 14 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay  
Discussion of relations between Rolette and Mitchell. Has directed Brewster to honor Mitchell's drafts. L.B.C. 10:42 6223
- May 14 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Re quantity of salt that Burnett plans to deliver. Miserable condition of canal has greatly retarded transportation of property. Re certain packages to be returned to the Company. Details of goods to be obtained from other agents in Buffalo. Encloses letter for Mitchell who may decline to attend to the Company's business at Green Bay. Annexes memorandum of goods shipped. L.B.C. 10:43-45 6224
- May 14 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay  
Abbott can give Lawe partial supply of goods. Details of Lawe's misunderstanding of Crooks's directions in previous letter. Requests that Lawe forward powder in case Mitchell leaves the employ of the Company. Encloses Winnebago certificates which the War Department refused to pay. L.B.C. 10:46-47 6225
- May 14 -- New York -- To L. M. Hoffman, Niles, Michigan  
Annexes statement of account. L.B.C. 10:48 6226

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May 14 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Requests that shipments be numbered. Must wage war in purchasing campaign until the close of season. Advises Brewster have nothing to do with Ewings in 1839. Has given attention to Lawe's remarks. Details of drafts. Re insurance arrangements on shipments. Encloses invoices. L.B.C. 10:49-51  
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May 14 -- Vincennes -- George Hunt to William Brewster

Statement of Spafford's transactions. Large Missouri collection must go to Vincennes. Will collect Grover's furs at Madison, Cincinnati and Louisville. Enclosed in no. 6316.  
2p. 6228

May 14 -- Vincennes -- George Hunt to William Brewster

Since writing letter of same date has bought 45 packs of Jones; Ewing agent will sue latter. Will ship furs to Portsmouth. Prices. Enclosed in no. 6316. 1p. 6229

May 15 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Is gratified that hunts in vicinity of Lake Michigan have been good. Encloses invoices of English goods and twine which have been shipped. Advises that Abbott give Lawe such a quantity of goods as is safe for the Company. Re drafts. L.B.C. 10:52-53  
6230

May 15 -- Vincennes -- George Hunt to William Brewster

Indignant reply to Brewster's reproof for trusting J. M. Spafford with large funds. Operations. Is going to Louisville Madison, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Detroit. Furey left on Wabash to finish business. Expects 400 packs. Enclosed in no. 6337. 3p. 6231

May 15 -- Boston -- From George W. Heard

In behalf of Miss Grant asks Crooks to aid while he is in West in collecting balance due her. 1p. 6232

May 15 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Will forward goods as directed. Encloses bill of lading for robes. Have returned damaged robes to Pratte, Ouhateau & Co. 2p. 6233

May 15 -- Berthier, Lower Canada -- From William Morrison

Re uncertainty of obtaining treaty money. Does not consider it advisable to move Alexis St. Martin and family. 3p. 6234

May 15 -- Pittsburgh -- From Joseph Throckmorton

Re draft drawn on the Company. 1p. 6235

May 16 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower

Check and draft enclosed for \$5000 on account. 1p. 6236

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May 16 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry

Wools and dying materials have advanced consequently wool-  
en goods are higher. Advance on blankets since December is  $7\frac{1}{2}$   
per cent. Have to pay more for dying, especially indigo  
blues. Depressed state of the home trade and limited demand  
from America may cause a reduction during the summer, especial-  
ly if there be an increasing tightness in money matters. lp.

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May 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received particulars concerning shipment via Pitts-  
burg. lp.

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May 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received details of London sales. Details of ac-  
counts. lp.

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May 17 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo

Regrets delay in transportation of goods. Re directions  
for forwarding goods early even if a vessel must be chartered.  
Livingston should have his goods before Hulbert's arrive. Re  
goods to be shipped on brig. L.B.C. 10:54-55

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May 17 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany

Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 10:56

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May 17 -- New York -- To Wilden, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Goods have been received and shipped to the interior. Re  
drafts drawn. L.B.C. 10:57

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May 17 -- New York -- To G. H. Lampson, London

German rivals seem determined to outbid the Company for  
skins. The Company has secured nearly all that have reached the  
market. Expects furs from the interior soon. Expects Lampson's  
return in ten days. L.B.C. 10:58

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May 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re furs and skins shipped. Otago skins are not yet re-  
ceived. Sanford arrived in a canoe, May 16 from Otto post; skins  
will not arrive for a month. lp.

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May 17 -- Philadelphia -- From H. Bradley

Encloses note in payment of skins. lp.

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May 17 -- Washington -- From John Saxton

Nothing has been definitely arranged concerning Indian af-  
fairs. Lyon who goes to Lapointe as commissioner desires to  
start. Fleming has not yet arrived. Karts will go to New York  
to assert imported goods for several tribes that are to receive  
them. 2p.

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May 17 -- Pierry près Epernay -- From -- Loisson

Wishes to know if wine for benefit of Baraga's mission has been sold. Baraga needs funds for his work. 2p. (French) 6247

May 17 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons

Will follow Crooks's directions concerning goods for the Lake region. Few goods have yet been received. Re certain packages damaged. Will advise agents at Mackinac to appraise damages when goods are received. Will forward goods for the Sault on the Company's brig. Has 467 barrels of salt awaiting the arrival of the brig. 4p. 6248

May 17 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Details of error in accounts. Have protected bills drawn by the Company. 1p. 6249

May 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Shipped 80 packs from Livingston. Details of operations. Franchere's furs were sent to Detroit. The Company is succeeding in Maumee. Hoette is in New York. Edsell is Ewing agent. Suydam Sage & Co. are now competitors of the Company. Advises that flour be sold in New York. Has done nothing about hotel in Mackinac. Lyon will be at Lapointe about July 15. Will send suggestions for future policy and reorganization of the Company. Regrets he will not see Lampson and Crooks together. Encloses nos. 6197 and 6140. 3p. 6250

May 18 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Re goods shipped for Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Re insurance arrangements on goods. L.B.C. 10:59 6251

May 18 -- New York -- To Benjamin Stanard, Buffalo

Re delay in transporting freight thru Erie Canal. Request Stanard to wait at Buffalo in order to take all goods for Lake Superior. L.B.C. 10:60 6252

May 18 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo

Re directions for forwarding Company's goods. Encloses letter for Stanard. L.B.C. 10:61 6253

May 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Details of 25 per cent dividend declared by Board of Directors. Re increase of Brewster's salary to \$2500 per year. L.B.C. 10:62 6254

May 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Details of drafts drawn by traders in interior. Has directed Stanard to wait at Buffalo for all Northern Outfit goods. Miserable condition of Erie Canal has deranged all shipping schedules. Details of directions given Parsons to forward supplies to St. Mary's. Re balance to be paid Mitchell. L.B.C. 10:63-64 6255

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- May 18 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re peltries to be shipped to London. Encloses invoice for English goods. Insurance is less on goods sent via Pittsburgh than via New Orleans. Loubat is still expecting French blankets. Re dividend on Company's stock. Is pleased that Chouteau will be in New York soon. L.B.C. 10:65-66 6254
- May 18 -- New York -- To George W. Heard, Boston  
Crooks expects to see Holiday during the summer and will urge payment of Miss Grant's account. L.B.C. 10:68 6257
- May 18 -- New York -- To William A. Bradley, Washington  
Details of Webster's departure for England and lack of arrangements about settling note. Crooks desires to see Bradley. L.B.C. 10:69 6258
- May 18 -- New York -- To George Hunt, Logansport, Indiana  
Discussion of Spafford's bad financial moves in disposing of drafts. Details of insurance arrangements concerning furs, skins, etc., from the interior. L.B.C. 10:70 6259
- May 18 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Has sent invoice of English goods to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Expects French blankets soon. L.B.C. 10:76 6260
- May 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 6261
- May 18 -- Cincinnati -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Has authorized Irwin & Whitman to draw draft for purchase of flour. lp. (French) 6262
- May 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re enclosed draft. lp. 6263
- May 18 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of departure of Beaulieu and his men in second hand canoe secured from Keith. Statements forwarded to Borup and Livingston. Recommends James McKay for employment. 2p. 6264
- May 19 -- New York -- To H. Bromley, Philadelphia  
Has received note in payment of muskrats. L.B.C. 10:67 6265
- May 20 -- New York -- To Colin Lamont, Greenock, Scotland  
Encloses bill of exchange in payment of whiskey for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 10:71 6266
- May 20 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Jr., Fredericksburg, Va.  
Has not received acknowledgment of certain funds forwarded

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Company will pay expenses for doctors, etc., for Rolette.  
Wishes to have report on Rolette's health. L.B.C. 10:72 6267

May 20 — New York — To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses accepted draft. L.B.C. 10:73 6268

May 20 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has made remittance to Lamont as directed. Regrets mis-  
fortune of firm in Missouri operations. Re plans to sell deer  
skins. L.B.C. 10:74 6269

May 20 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has advised Hunt of Company's insurance arrangements.  
Company has little confidence in Spafford. Details of drafts  
drawn by Spafford. L.B.C. 10:75 6270

May 20 — Sault Ste. Marie — From John R. Livingston  
Explanation of outfit needed for the season. Optimistic  
report of fishery (123 barrels of pickerel in 20 days.) lp. 6271

May 21 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Will make no arrangements with the Ewings until they come  
to him. Lyon will give him copy of his instructions. Fran-  
chere has returned to Detroit; did little. Brewster is going  
to Huron Country. lp. 6272

May 21 — New York — To George Hunt, Logansport  
Details of Spafford's drafts. Company is suspicious of  
Spafford's negotiations. L.B.C. 10:77 6273

May 21 — New York — To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
The Company is satisfied with Parson's management of ship-  
ments. Desires that Livingston get his goods ahead of Hulbert.  
Has shipped guns to be forwarded to Green Bay. L.B.C. 10:78 6274

May 21 — New York — To William Morrison, Berthier, Canada  
Re information obtained from Washington about distribution  
of money among half-breeds. Encloses copy of Chippewa treaty.  
Advises that Morrison be present at payment. L.B.C. 10:80 6275

May 21 — Washington — From John Ireland  
Kurtz, chief clerk of the Indian Department, is going to  
New York to receive certain imported goods for Indians. Rice  
in charge of requisition bureau of War Department will take  
charge of goods for Northwest and will go to Detroit. Suggests  
that Kurtz give Crooks information on Indian affairs. lp. 6276

May 21 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Are satisfied with sales of certain shipments. Were igno-  
rant of speculation in deer skins going on in New Orleans. lp. 6277

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May 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re shipment of furs and skins via Pittsburg. Company may sell these in New York or ship to Europe. lp. 6278

May 21 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Summary of letter of May 18. Enclose full statement of accounts. 2p. 6279

May 22 -- Washington -- From William A. Bradley

Has received information from agent in England that he expects to sell Webster's stock but that time is required to dispose of speculative property. lp. 6280

May 22 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica

Discussion of party responsible for robes damaged in transit. L.B.C. 10:81 6281

May 22 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Will fill entire order. Never had such obstinate competition in purchasing skins. Re extravagant prices. L.B.C. 10:82 6282

May 22 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Details of drafts of buyers in Indiana. Desires Brewster to come to New York while Lamson is in the city. Ewings have sent agents all over Mississippi and lower Missouri country and have even followed returns to St. Louis. Opponents will kill themselves by being allowed skins at extreme prices more quickly than any other way. Company has secured all skins of importance that have reached New York market. Annexes memorandum of skins bought by Ewings at St. Louis. L.B.C. 10:83-85 6283

May 22 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Michigan

Encloses account of sales which closes collection of 1838. L.B.C. 10:86 6284

May 22 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Annexes sales account. Encloses invoices for powder and guns. Re inferior quality of guns. Discussion of Mitchell's attitude toward the Company. Fleming is expected to proceed to Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 10:87-88 6285

May 22 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Re shipment of blankets for Pierre Chouteau, Jr. L.B.C. 10:89 6286

May 23 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Invoice of goods from New York and England is correct. Will supply Lawe with goods. Lawe has made some purchases. lp. 6287

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- May 23 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
 Is pleased at prompt departure of Beaulieu with his men,  
 Is grateful to Keith for his assistance. Re accounts. Vallée,  
 Boyer & Co.'s opinion of James McKay is everything that the  
 Company could wish. L.B.C. 10:90 6288
- May 23 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
 Annexes invoice for goods. Hopes entire consignment will  
 give full satisfaction. L.B.C. 10:91 6289
- May 23 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
 Encloses account of sales. Details of accounts. Discus-  
 sion of condition of Erie Canal and delay in transportation of  
 goods. Re packages forwarded to missionaries. Beaulieu and  
 workmen have left Montreal for St. Mary's. Encloses agreement  
 made with blacksmith. Brewster has undertaken to procure coop-  
 ers. L.B.C. 10:92-94 6290
- May 23 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
 Re directions for sending blacksmith to St. Mary's.  
 L.B.C. 10:95 6291
- May 23 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Encloses invoice for powder, twine, etc. L.B.C. 10:96 6292
- May 24 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
 Urges that workmen taken up by Beaulieu should be sent to  
 Lapointe without delay. Wishes workmen to have confidence in  
 justice of the Company in dealing with employees. Re great  
 need for having warehouse completed. Is pleased that fishing  
 prospects are encouraging. Discussion of Berthkeht's violation  
 of government regulations and conduct of Ord in the case. Will  
 report Ord to War Department. Company desires Livingston to  
 remain in charge of business at St. Mary's. Re need of adher-  
 ence to non-credit system. Crooks expects to see Livingston in  
 June. L.B.C. 10:97-99 6293
- May 24 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
 Annexes invoice of blankets which Loubat furnished in lieu  
 of blankets not received from France. Has forwarded blankets  
 via Pittsburgh. L.B.C. 10:100 6294
- May 24 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
 Re shipment of lead via New Orleans. lp. 6295
- May 24 -- Perrysburg -- B. F. Hollister to the Company  
 Draft drawn. lp. 6296
- May 24 -- Montreal -- From James McKay  
 Enclosed certificate on his leaving Hudson's Bay Co.'s  
 service. Terms on which he will take position with the Company.



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Terms with Hudson's Bay Co. 2p.

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May 24 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons

Has received letter for Capt. Stanard and bills of lading for goods. Stanard has arrived from Cleveland freighted with flour. Has received more salt from Burnet. Re goods consigned to Livingston and to Abbott. Re part of goods not yet received. Has forwarded furs received from Brewster. 5p.

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May 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau &amp; Co.

Re shipment of furs. 1p.

6299

May 25 -- Perrysburg -- B. F. Hollister to William Brewster

Reports of Company's operations in Wabash country, Fort Wayne and Dayton. 100 packs are ready for shipment. Is going to Huron Country. Enclosed in no. 6316. 2p.

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May 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Is pleased that Leipsic fair is expected to terminate rather favorably. Hopes raccoons sell freely at Leipsic. Details of high prices being paid in the interior for skins. The Company has a large interest in raccoons. Imprudence of rivals may drive prices still higher. Re shipment of deer skins and raccoons. L.B.C. 10:101-102

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May 25 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau &amp; Co., St. Louis

Will pay drafts as requested by Chouteau. Details of account of sales. Demand for deer is somewhat less brisk. Discussion of Hersey's financial status. Will recover all possible claims against Hersey. Details of account concerning robes. L.B.C. 10:103, 105-106

6302

May 25 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo

Re shipments to be forwarded to Mackinac and Green Bay L.B.C. 10:108

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May 25 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Fleming has gone to Washington to receive his final instructions and will then go to Prairie du Chien to re-examine all claims of traders and half-breeds. Expects Fleming to pronounce just judgment upon evidence presented. Claims should be clearly stated. Reports from Europe indicate that high prices are expected to continue. Desires that collections be forwarded as soon as possible. Annexes memorandum of goods forwarded. L.B.C. 10:109-110

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May 25 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Re dividend of 25 per cent on Company's business. L.B.C. 10:111

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May 25 -- Madison -- George Hunt to William Brewster

Details Grover's large collection. Spafford has gone to

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Portsmouth. Two canal boats are necessary to carry skins collected in town. Scott took his skins to Logansport instead of Evansville but the Company may get them. Spafford's accounts are correct. 2p. Enclosed in no. 6346. 6306

May 25 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Division of money under Sioux treaty. Slim chances of Winnebago claims. Causes of poor fur returns. 2p. 6307

May 26 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Oakes is in Mackinac; is going to St. Mary's. Robinson and Lasley have sold their furs to Fort Wayne buyer; states prices. Does not need certain cloth. 2p. 6308

May 27 -- Cincinnati -- George S. Bates & Co. to William Brewster  
Their collection has gone to New York; if Company will offer better price, it may have furs. 1p. Enclosed in no. 6346 6309

May 27 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoice for goods. Cannot obtain garnets. Will forward powder later. L.B.C. 10:112 6310

May 27 -- New York -- To John Lawe, Green Bay  
Fleming, the new Winnebago commissioner, has gone to Washington for instructions and will proceed at once to Prairie du Chien. Hopes Lawe is ready to present his claims. Thinks Fleming will decide upon evidence presented without prejudice. Re importance of Lawe presenting strong case. Re goods to be sent to the Portage. L.B.C. 10:113-114 6311

May 27 -- Madison -- From George Hunt  
Spafford left May 25 with 270 bales of furs; describes Grover's collection. Prospective contracts. Spafford and Hunt have collected \$25000 worth so far. Expects collections to be in Detroit by June 10. It is necessary for Spafford to draw draft at sight. Dangerous to travel with much money. Ewings have 11 buyers competing with Hunt and began operating in October; Brewster was told of this. Company got Jones's collection that Ewings would not take. Buyers are everywhere. 4p. 6312

May 27 -- Crooks -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has forwarded goods to St. Louis. 1p. 6313

May 27 -- New Hope, River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Re furs and shipments. Rolette has treated with Yanktons and Sissetons for buffalo robes. Taliaferro has arrived; he said money for annuities was coming; reported payment will be delayed. Stambaugh authorized Kittson to make final settlement with Sibley. Lucius Lyon appointed to make distribution under Chippewa treaty at Lapointe; Sibley cannot be present as he must be at Prairie du Chien for new investigation under Winnebago treaty. Shipped 20 packs. 3p. 6314

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May 27 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

William Morrison has not paid debt yet. Draft drawn. Can sell 3000 buffalo robes. lp. 6315

May 28 — Detroit — From William Brewster

Details of his operations in Richland County. Collection of A. Whittaker, Company's agent. Remarks about Hunt's statement of Spafford's affairs. Suydam, Sage & Co. will not support wings long. Is glad that Crooks secures all skins in New York. Abbott's son made purchase at Milwaukee (competitor). Encloses nos. 6228, 6229, and 6300. 3p. 6316

May 28 — New York — To James B. Ewart, Dundas, Canada

Re draft which will be accepted. L.B.C. 10:115 6317

May 28 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Re Company's agents at Portsmouth and Buffalo. Regrets that Osage and Otto returns will be so late. L.B.C. 10:116 6318

May 28 — New York — To Augustin Rock. near Lake Pepin, Upper Mississippi

Pratte, Chouteau & Co. will forward certain provisions if possible. Requests that these provisions be protected until forwarded to mills on lower part of Chippewa river. L.B.C. 10:117 6319

May 28 — New York — To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Re directions for delivery of certain shipment. Discussion of probable routes of shipment. L.B.C. 10:118 6320

May 28 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co

Have forwarded fine deer skins via Pittsburgh. Details of accounts. Regrets that Loubat is not receiving blankets; are much in need of blankets. lp. 6321

May 28 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.

Details of enclosed draft. lp. 6322

May 30 — New York — To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Encloses accepted draft. L.B.C. 10:119 6323

May 30 — New York — To James McKay, Montreal

Gov. Simpson and Vallée, Boyer & Co. have recommended McKay highly. Crooks desires McKay to accompany him on journey thru interior. Details of rate of payment, etc. Company may wish to employ McKay for work in the interior. Crooks expects to leave New York by June 10. L.B.C. 10:120;121 6324

May 30 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Re order for stove plates. Encloses letter for McKay. If McKay accepts Company's proposal, he is authorized to call on

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Vallée, Boyer & Co. for funds to pay his traveling expenses to New York. L.B.C. 10:122 6325

May 30 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo

Is pleased with Parson's action in forwarding goods. Discussion of delay in transportation along Erie Canal. Is pleased to learn that brig arrived and will have fair load. St. Louis firm is shipping to Pittsburgh via Ohio. L.B.C. 10:123-124 6326

May 30 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Details of accounts. Have settled with insurance offices for goods lost on the "Pirate". Re furs shipped via Pittsburgh. lp. 6327

May 30 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Has shipped 40 packs. Is giving higher prices for otters. lp. 6328

May 31 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Will fill order as soon as possible. L.B.C. 10:125 6329

May 31 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Will decide about disposition of present crop of robes and notify firm soon. Re difficulty in controlling entire Montreal market for robes. L.B.C. 10:126 6330

May 31 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Is gratified that poverty of Hotte's agent enables Brewster to operate advantageously. Hotte fights hard in New York. Discussion of need of capable buyers in Wabash country. Will furnish goods wanted by Brewster for Saginaw. Encloses order for provisions to be sent to Fort Winnebago. Details of serious difficulties in delivering goods in Fort Winnebago region. Mitchell will continue in charge of Company's business at Green Bay. Re sale of muskrats. Details of importance of careful packing of peltries. Reports of Leipzig fair have been favorable. Lampson has returned to New York and will sail on the "Great Western". Chouteau is in New York. Details of drafts. L.B.C. 10:127-128 6331

May 31 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Discussion of filling order for Chippewa River mills. L.B.C. 10:129 6332

May 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Is gratified that raccoons were selling well at Leipzig. Lampson's sales of muskrats continue very satisfactorily. Returns from interior arrive slowly. Encloses invoices for shipment of furs and deer skins. L.B.C. 10:130 6333

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May 31 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re shipment of furs and deer skins for Lampson. Returns  
from the interior arrive slowly. L.B.C. 10:131 6334

May 31 — Perrysburg — From B. F. Hollister (per Furey)  
Draft drawn at Sandusky City. lp. 6335

June 1 — Washington — From John Garland  
Commissioner for adjusting Winnebago claims will leave for  
the Prairie to conduct re-examination. Stuart has written to  
Department for information about time and place of payments.  
Instructions about half-breed payments not yet made out. 2p.  
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June 1 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Agents are getting more skins than expected on lower Wa-  
bash and Ohio. Goods arrived. Is leaving June 3 for the Mau-  
mee and Cleveland. Encloses nos. 6219 and 6231. lp. 6337

June 1 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of accounts. Reports from Leipsic fair are gra-  
tifying. Expects to realize reasonable remuneration on opera-  
tions of 1839. L.B.C. 10:132 6338

June 1 — New York — To O. M. Lampson, London  
Is pleased with Leipsic prices for raccoons. Fears high  
prices may bring reaction. Next struggle is for Lampson to  
maintain his supremacy in London market. L.B.C. 10:133 6339

June 1 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re directions about sending shipments via Ohio River to  
Pittsburgh when river becomes low. L.B.C. 10:134 6340

June 1 — New York — To Francois Pierz, Grand Portage  
Crooks will be in Lake Superior region soon. Pierz's  
whole complaint against the Company shall have due attention.  
L.B.C. 10:135 6341

June 1 — New York — To Frederick Baraga, Lapointe  
Has not been able to sell champagne for Baraga. Can only  
obtain low prices. Wishes directions. Encloses account to  
close of 1838. Has forwarded box from Trieste for Mrs. Hoffern.  
L.B.C. 10:136-137 6342

June 1 — Pittsburgh — From Francis Ronaud  
Has forwarded packages to St. Louis. lp. 6343

June 1 — South Bend — L. M. Taylor to William Brewster  
Details of \$6000 collection of Coquillard & Co. bought for  
the Company; Ewing's agent, Edsell competed. Re payment. En-  
closed in no. 6368. 2p. 6344

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- June 3 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has forwarded blankets to St. Louis. lp. 6345
- June 3 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster (per Lawrence Sprague, Jr.)  
Brewster left June 3. Encloses nos. 6306, 6309, and 6347  
lp. 6346
- June 3 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to George S. Bates & Co.  
Requests their shipment be stopped at Cleveland to give the Company an opportunity of buying. Wishes invoice with prices. Enclosed in no. 6346. lp. 6347
- June 3 -- Fredericksburg -- From Virginia Rolette  
Re expenses and doctor's advice. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous). lp. 6348
- June 4 -- New York -- To William Bradley, Washington  
Wishes to have any late information about sale of Webster's property. L.B.C. 10:138 6349
- June 4 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of stoves ordered. Offer to purchase raccoon from Crooks. lp. 6350
- June 4 -- Maumee -- From William Brewster  
2 purchases made; competed with Hoette's agent, Abbott. Details of collection. lp. 6351
- June 5 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Does not expect increase in prices for muskrats. States prices of otters. Discussion of Spafford's unfitness to handle drafts. Details of character of Franchere's purchases. Thinks Ewings will lose a great deal of money in 1839. Advises not listening to any overtures from Ewings. Peltries have arrived in good order. Details of drafts. Leipzig fair has terminated very well. L.B.C. 10:139-142 6352
- June 5 -- New York -- To Amos Kendall, Washington  
Encloses account for carrying mail in Prairie du Chien district. Requests remittance. L.B.C. 10:143 6353
- June 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Regrets delay in matter of Cornelius Hersey's account. Request Crooks to arrange with Chouteau concerning robes at Detroit. 2p. 6354
- June 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have drawn draft. lp. 6355
- June 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re total loss of river steamer on Ohio, carrying shipment of deer skins. lp. 6356

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June 6 -- Cleveland -- From William Brewster

Spafford has gone to Detroit with 300 packs. Bought \$3000 worth of skins at Ravanna. Has heard Ewings plan to sell collection; Crooks should see G. W. Ewing in New York. Is returning to Detroit June 7. Thinks Company will have control of skins. lp. 6357

June 6 -- Washington -- From John Garland

Encloses official directions for half-breed payments at Lapointe. Re appointment of sub-agent at Prairie du Chien. 2p. 6358

June 6 -- Leeds -- From Benjamin Gott & Sons

Details of drafts. Re certain invoices. lp. 6359

June 6 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons

The "Crooks" sailed June 5 with a full cargo. Annexes abstract concerning all Detroit, Mackinac and Sault goods. Has sent salt on the "Crooks". Has some powder and guns for Green Bay. 3p. 6360

June 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Letters received by Lampson direct from Leipsic confirm former accounts of results of fair. Will ship peltries soon. Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 10:144 6361

June 7 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Details of drafts and accounts. Raccoons have sold very high in England. Impossible to buy raccoons at reasonable rates. Sale of robes is not yet decided. L.B.C. 10:145-146 6362

June 7 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Re shipments on way from Pittsburgh. Details of sale of deer skins and otters. Will ship skins suitable for London market as soon as possible. L.B.C. 10:147 6363

June 7 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Is pleased that Brewster will visit raccoon country again. Hopes to prevent all rivals from increasing their collections. Re success of Company in purchasing in New York. Re Hotte's small collections. Hotte will not grow wealthy by his operations. L.B.C. 10:148 6364

June 7 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo

Re shipments to be forwarded to Mackinac and Detroit. L.B.C. 10:149 6365

June 7 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Re extravagant prices secured by Lashley. Urges that Bidle & Drew hold their collection until Crooks arrives. Regrets that Oakes had not arrived at earlier date. Annexes account of

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sales of muskrats. Has shipped powder. Crooks will leave in ten days for upper lakes. Will take Stephen James to assist Abbott and Livingston. L.B.C. 10:150 6366

June 7 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Re loss of vessel on Ohio; had 102 packs of deer skins on board. Wishes to know if skins are insured. lp. 6367

June 8 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Is glad that Coquillard's skins were bought. Company will have large share of season's raccoons. W. G. Ewing is buying north of Detroit. Thinks Company can buy collection of Hulett, Hoette's agent. Encloses nos. 6210 and 6344. lp. 6368

June 8 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of account of sales of raccoons. L.B.C. 10:151 6369

June 8 -- Perrysburg -- B. F. Hollister to the Company (per Furey)  
Draft drawn. lp. 6370

June 9 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Acknowledges receipt of certain supplies and lack of fish lines and hooks. Warehouse soon to be finished. Canal contractors, driven off by the military, have turned to fishing. lp. 6371

June 10 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Encloses invoices of skins and furs shipped to Lampson. L.B.C. 10:153 6372

June 10 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices of furs and skins shipped. Will forward minks, martens, etc., by next packet. Supply of deer from the interior will be much less than in 1838. L.B.C. 10:152 6373

June 10 -- Washington -- From John Garland  
Re inquiry about apportionment of Chippewa half-breed money. Inquires about his son, Spotswood. 2p. 6374

June 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Will forward goods to St. Peter's by first boat. Have received English goods. Have received returns from Otto post and part of returns from Osages. 2p. 6375

June 10 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Re letter from clerk of steamship line about vessel lost. Fobes are mostly lost. 2p. 6376



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June 10 — Georgetown — From Virginia Rolette

Has no news from members of her family. Wishes to know of her brother's condition. lp. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous). 21.

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June 12 — New York — Pierre Chouteau, Jr. to Irwin & White-  
man, Cincinnati

Re news that steamer "Empire" has been wrecked. Details of Chouteau's property on board the steamer. Requests that any deer skins saved should be forwarded to the Company. L.B.O.

10:154-155

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June 12 — New York — To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Has notified insurance office of accident to steamer, "Empire." Desires full particulars of the loss. L.B.O.

10:156  
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June 12 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Discussion of shipping goods by Ohio route. Details of error in invoice. Annexes corrected invoice. Re wreck of steamer "Empire" on Ohio river. L.B.O.

10:157  
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June 12 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re drafts drawn. Will ship furs and skins by next packet. L.B.O.

10:158  
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June 12 — New York — To Sargent & Sons, Birmingham

Sample gun is satisfactory to the Company. Has authorized Lampson to make agreement with Sargents to furnish guns, provided terms are advantageous. Further orders will depend upon the quality of guns. L.B.O.

10:159  
6382

June 12 — New York — to Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds

Discussion of necessity of Company's purchasing goods at lowest prices, in order to compete with rivals in trade. Gotts rates are too high. Imitation French blankets will not serve as a substitute. L.B.O.

10:160  
6383

June 12 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re shipment of deer skins via Pittsburgh. lp.

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June 12 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott

Bought Biddle and Brew's collection on certain terms to prevent swing buying. Montreal goods for Rolette and Abbott are at the Sault. lp.

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June 12 — Washington — From John Campbell

Re Treasury warrant in payment of Barrett's [1] claim. lp.

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June 12 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Details of difficulties about invoice and letters on dam-

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- aged ship. Will honor bills as advised by the Company. 2p. 6387
- June 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re furs shipped. lp. 6388
- June 13 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Introduces James McKay to Crooks. Proposals about selling  
buffalo robes in Canada. lp. 6389
- June 14 -- Boulton -- James Henry  
Encloses bill for 100 Lancaster pattern rifles which are  
ready to be forwarded. lp. 6390
- June 15 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Re furs forwarded. Returns from Fond du Lac are fair.  
Failed to find siskawit on Fond du Lac coast but trout fishing  
is successful. Payment is being made at Lapointe; will help  
business. (Northern Outfit Letters 1839). 2p. 6391
- June 15 -- New York -- To Alphonse Loubat, Present  
Re orders for blankets. Details of great importance that  
blankets be delivered at dates specified. Details of quantity  
and prices of blankets. L.B.C. 10:161-162 6392
- June 15 -- New York -- From Philip Grandin  
Explanation of delay in paying loans. lp. 6393
- June 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of excellent robes. lp. 6394
- June 15 -- Fredericksburg -- From Joseph Rolette, Jr.  
Details his physical condition and physician's advice.  
Wishes to know whether his father is coming to New York. lp.  
(Western Outfit Miscellaneous). 6395
- June 15 -- Philadelphia -- From Elizabeth Rolette  
Details of need for funds. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous)  
lp. 6396
- June 17 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Details of merchandise and powder forwarded to Detroit,  
Mackinac, Prairie du Chien, and Green Bay. Had to pay extra  
storage on powder, owing to City Ordinance concerning powder.  
Details of expense for shipping powder. 2p. 6397
- June 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Are disappointed in report of otter sales; could have re-  
ceived higher prices in St. Louis. Discussion of loss of deer  
skins on wrecked steamer on Ohio. 2p. 6398

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- June 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Enclose copies of papers concerning loss of skins on Ohio steamer. [Not enclosed.] 6399
- June 18 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet  
Salt did not reach Buffalo May 20. 1p. 6400
- June 18 -- New York -- To Superior of Convent of the Visitation  
Re Rolette's request that his daughter return home. The Company will pay account. L.B.C. 10:163 6401
- June 18 -- New York -- To Elizabeth Rolette, Middletown, Pa.  
Re plans to send Virginia Rolette home. L.B.C. 10:164 6402
- June 18 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Jr., Fredericksburg  
Details of young Rolette's illness and plans for future. L.B.C. 10:165 6403
- June 18 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Discussion of business relations with Beausoliel, Vallee & Co., and with Hersey. Company's sales for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. have been generally without loss. Will forward skins to London. L.B.C. 10:166, 168 6404
- June 18 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Large shipment of furs forwarded by tow boats; these to be credited to Knower according to agreement. 1p. 6405
- June 18 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Receipt of supplies in damaged condition. Arrival of the "Astor" with cargo of 600 barrels of fish. Order for sundries. 1p. 6406
- June 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re lead forwarded to New York at order of Chouteaus. 1p. 6407
- June 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Will fill upper Wisconsin trade order. Muskrats to be sold only at good prices, as the Company has control of them. Is pleased with success of Leipzig sale; high selling prices are necessary. Spafford not much in default. Re furs and skins offer. Ewing stayed in Detroit to see Crooks. Price for which Crooks sold deer skins was not too high. Shipment of 100 packs; some of which were Hollister's purchases. 3p. 6408
- June 19 -- New York -- To Elizabeth Rolette, Philadelphia  
Annexes copy of letter sent to Middletown. Wishes to know what funds Elizabeth will need for journey home. L.B.C. 10:169 6409

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June 19 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
 Has received rifles in good order. Henry may draw draft  
 for amount of account. L.B.O. 10:170 6410

June 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Re shipment of deer skins and furs. Re loss of deer skins  
 on steamer wrecked on Ohio river. L.B.O. 10:171 6411

June 19 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London  
 Details of order for twines and lines. Re plans to pur-  
 chase all lines and twines in England. Encloses bill of lading  
 for furs and skins. Discussion of high cost of deer skins. Re  
 returns purchased by the Company. German rivals have not se-  
 cured any more skins. Annexes invoices. Hotte's operations in  
 New York may reach \$22,000. Oppenheim has done little. L.B.O.  
 10:172-174 6412

June 19 -- Washington -- From John Garland  
 Has introduced Col. Chouteau to Crawford, Commissioner of  
 Indian Affairs. Seems to be settled that Chippewa annuity pay-  
 ment is to be made at Lapointe. Goods are en route for Detroit  
 and Schoolcraft is authorized to appoint an agent to make the  
 payment. Final instructions about half-breeds have been given.  
 Indians who have ceded the lands are alone entitled to benefits  
 of cession. Schoolcraft has many important affairs on his  
 hands. 2p. 6413

June 19 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
 Re shipment of furs received from Brewster. 1p. 6414

June 19 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
 Stoves shipped to P. L. Parsons & Co. at Buffalo. 1p. 6415

June 20 -- New York -- To L. Van Bokelan, College Point  
 Company will pay young Garland's school expenses. L.B.O.  
 10:175 6416

June 20 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Jr., Fredericksburg  
 Re need for instructions from Rolette's father. Details  
 of need for young Rolette to reduce expenses. L.B.O. 10:176-  
 177 6417

June 20 -- New York -- To Francis Renaud, Pittsburgh  
 Requests that all skins be forwarded by fastest transporta-  
 tion line. Re blankets and rifles shipped for Chouteau. L.B.O.  
 10:178 6418

June 20 -- Cincinnati -- Irwin & Whiteman to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
 & Co.

Details of dispatching agent to scene of disaster to brig  
 "Empire"; hope to save Chouteau's property on brig. Will inves-

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- tigate disaster. Ohio river is in fine navigable condition.  
2p. 6419
- June 20 -- College Point -- From L. Van Bokelen  
Details of school expenses of young Garland. 1p. 6420
- June 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of accounts and drafts. Re furs shipped. Have  
received French blankets in good order. 1p. 6421
- June 20 -- Georgetown -- From Virginia Rolette  
Is surprised to learn her father's decision to take her  
out of school. Wishes to see family. Bill of expenses will be  
forwarded soon. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous) 1p. 6422
- June 21 -- New York -- To Moses D. Burnet, Syracuse  
Statement for salt is correct. Burnet may draw on the  
Company for amount of account. L.B.O. 10:179 6423
- June 21 -- Roxbury near Boston -- Samuel P. Sturgis to the  
Company  
Details of delay in paying sum for account of Chouteau &  
Mackenzie as requested by Olapp. 2p. 6424
- June 22 -- New York -- To Ranking & Co., Newark  
Requests payment of account. L.B.O. 10:180 6425
- June 22 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Is grateful for prompt attention to Company's business.  
Requests that drafts for Borup and Livingston be honored. Center  
may be able to supply raccoons. Company can furnish robes. Re  
probably prices. McKay has reached New York. L.B.O. 10:181-182 6426
- June 22 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for blankets and rifles. Re blankets not  
yet furnished by Loubat. Can supply additional blankets if  
needed. L.B.O. 10:183 6427
- June 22 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Re muskrats missing in recent shipment. L.B.O. 10:187 6428
- June 22 -- Washington -- From John Garland  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs advises that papers filed  
in support of claims under Winnebago treaty can be had on appli-  
cation to new commission. 2p. 6429

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- June 22 --- New Orleans --- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for lead. Re robes received. lp.  
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- June 22 --- Fredericksburg --- From Joseph Rolette, Jr.  
Will be economical as possible. Health is not improved.  
(Western Outfit Miscellaneous). lp.  
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- June 23 --- New York --- To Joseph Rolette, Jr., Fredericksburg  
Details of directions for young Rolette's return to New  
York as early as possible. Rolette's father will not supply  
funds. L.B.C. 10:184-185  
6432
- June 23 --- New York --- To Virginia Rolette, Georgetown  
Details of directions for Rolette sisters to visit Freder-  
icksburg and to return to Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 10:186  
6433
- June 24 --- New York --- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Will forward as many skins as possible. Expects average  
crop of finest furs. L.B.C. 10:188  
6434
- June 24 --- New York --- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Details of shipment expected from St. Louis and Detroit.  
Quantity of muskrats is so much reduced as to give hopes of  
clearing entire old stock. Demand for deer skins is less ac-  
tive. L.B.C. 10:189-190  
6435
- June 24 --- Perrysburg --- From B. F. Hollister (per Furey)  
Draft drawn. lp.  
6436
- June 25 --- Toronto --- From Robert P. Crooks  
Details of collection of certain note for Ramsey Crooks.  
Re personal affairs. 3p.  
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- June 25 --- New York --- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Requests Bates to come to New York to arrange about robes.  
L.B.C. 10:191  
6438
- June 25 --- Sault Ste. Marie --- From John R. Livingston  
Packing account of certain furs. lp.  
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- June 25 --- Office Indian Affairs, Washington --- From T. H.  
Grandford  
Re payment of certain claim allowed under Sac and Fox  
treaty. lp.  
6440
- June 25 --- New York --- From Lewis F. Linn  
Asks Crooks to forward Linn's letters to American Consul  
General at London. lp.  
6441
- June 25 --- Buffalo --- From Peter L. Parsons  
Details of furs forwarded. Has received from Vallée, Boyer  
& Co. of Montreal, invoice for 29 stoves for account of the  
Company. lp.  
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- June 26 -- New York -- To Samuel P. Sturgis, Roxbury, Mass.  
Re funds brought by Sturgis from Clapp. L.B.O. 10:192 6443
- June 26 -- New York -- To Irwin & Whiteman, Cincinnati  
Details of directions for care of skins recovered from  
wrecked steamer. L.B.O. 10:193 6444
- June 26 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Re arrival of skins in reasonable time. Approves advancing  
funds to blacksmith. Details of goods to be forwarded to St.  
Mary's. Stoves have been shipped from Montreal. L.B.O. 10:194-  
195 6445
- June 26 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Re shipment of one box of furs from Sayer on Lake Huron.  
lp. 6446
- June 26 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of shipment of 300 packs from Wabash and Ohio: has  
many still on hand. Company can set own price for the Ewing  
collection. lp. 6447
- June 26 -- Cincinnati -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Details of journey from Baltimore. Has written Renaud  
to draw on the Company for amount of freight. lp. (French) 6448
- June 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Introduce Capt. J. D. Daggett, president of the Dry Dock  
Insurance Company. lp. 6449
- June 26 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Renaud  
Has received bill of lading for goods shipped by the Com-  
pany. Deer skins have not yet arrived. Peter Chouteau has not  
reached Pittsburgh. lp. 6450
- June 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Elizabeth Rolette  
Re directions from her father to return home. Has not suf-  
ficient funds. lp. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous) 6451
- June 27 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Packing account of 32 packs of furs. Good returns of the  
season. Hindrance to fisheries when men are taken off at time  
of the Indian treaty. lp. 6452
- June 27 -- New York -- To Amos Kendall, Washington  
Desires payment of bill sent to Post-Office Department,  
June 5. L.B.O. 10:190 6453

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- June 27 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Livingston has reported arrival of goods in bad order.  
Request investigation for lost articles. L.B.O. 10:197 6454
- June 27 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re drafts and note. L.B.O. 10:198 6455
- June 27 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts. Re prices paid Chouteau for deer skins  
Details of accounts. Discussion of extension given on certain  
notes. Details of negotiations carried on with Halsey and Gen-  
ter & Co. for sale of robes. Wishes instructions on this sub-  
ject. L.B.O. 10:199-202 6456
- June 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re accounts. Have shipped otter skins. lp. 6457
- June 27 -- Perrysburg -- From B. F. Hollister (per Furey)  
Draft drawn. lp. 6458
- June 27 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Payment of drafts. Details of stoves. lp. 6459
- June 28 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Invoice of shipment enclosed. lp. 6460
- June 28 -- New York -- To Elizabeth Rolette  
Re directions about funds and advice in regard to the  
journey to Prairie du Chien. L.B.O. 10:203 6461
- June 29 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has shipped 50 packs. lp. 6462
- June 29 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re directions to settle account with owners of steamer  
"Empire". Insurance Company wants all documents necessary to  
sustain claim for loss. The Company regrets dissatisfaction of  
Pratte, Chouteau & Co. concerning Company's disposal of re-  
turns. Re proposals for new arrangements. Business cannot be  
managed comfortably or advantageously unless full and mutual  
confidence exists. Urges great care in packing robes. Skins  
for English market are forwarded promptly. Hudson's Bay Co.'s  
ship from Columbia River has reached England. Prospects for  
beaver are not bright. L.B.O. 10:204-207 6463
- June 29 -- New York -- From George W. Ewing  
Wishes to know when Crooks will reach Buffalo. Has writ-  
ten to his brother to meet Crooks at Detroit. lp. 6464
- June 29 -- Perrysburg -- B. F. Hollister to the Company (per R.  
L. McKnight)  
Draft drawn. lp. 6465



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June 29 — P. O. Department, Washington — From Amos Kendall  
Error in forwarding to Prairie du Chien instead of New  
York, warrant for balance of account of P. Barrett, contractor,  
Postmaster instructed to forward letter to New York. lp. 6466

June 29 — Buffalo — From Peter L. Parsons  
Re furs received from Brewster and forwarded to the Com-  
pany. lp. 6467

June 30 — Roxbury — From Samuel P. Sturgis  
Re draft to be credited to Chouteau & Mackenzie by order  
of Clapp. lp. 6468

July 1. — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re deer skins and furs shipped to Lampson. Expects more  
skins from the interior. Re drafts drawn. L.B.O. 10:208 6469

July 1 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
Is gratified for report of Hudson's Bay importation from  
Columbia River. Beaver will have to be sent to London. Enco-  
ses invoices for furs shipped. L.B.O. 10:209-210 6470

July 1 — New York — To Benjamin Gott & Sons, Leeds  
Has received account current which closes transactions be-  
tween Company and Gotts. L.B.O. 10:211 6471

July 1 — New York — To George Ewing, Sartoga Springs  
Crooks expects to be at Buffalo July 8 and at Detroit July  
10. Brewster has reported W. G. Ewing's delay at Detroit in  
order to see Crooks. L.B.O. 10:212 6472

July 1 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Encloses bill of lading for robes. lp. 6473

July 1 — Glasgow — John H. Smith to the Company  
Expects to visit New York during summer to receive orders  
for all kinds of Scotch fabrics. lp. 6474

July 1 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts. Are receiving large quantities of  
robes. Will forward best quality without delay. lp. 6475

July 2 — New York — To Robert P. Crooks, Toronto  
Discussion of collection of claim for Company. L.B.O. 10:  
213 6476

July 2 — Boston — From Cornelius Hersey  
Details of land speculation in Maine. Hersey is unable to  
make payment. Asks Crooks to forward small sum. Thinks this  
land will bring large sum eventually. Is having trouble in se-  
curing deed. 2p. 6477

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July 2 — Green Bay — From William Mitchell (per D. Butler)

Received July 1 the powder, guns, goods, and tobacco, all in good order and all re-shipped the same day to J. B. Mayrand, Portage. If packs are ready at Portage, boats will bring them down on their return. 1p. 6478

July 2 — Buffalo — From Peter L. Parsons

Has written to agent at Queenstown about shipment of stoves. Goods for the Sault will have to be transhipped at Detroit. Re directions sent to Brewster. Discussion of goods reported missing from certain shipment. 3p. 6479

July 3 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of accounts. Details of sale of inferior deer skins. Otters have not been sold. Re sale of muskrats. Bates has refused to take robes. L.B.O. 10:214-215 6480

July 3 — New York — To T. H. Crawford, Washington

Requests that evidence presented by traders to Winnebago commission in 1838 be furnished to Fleming, as traders can collect evidence again only under great difficulty. L.B.O. 10:220 6481

July 3 — Pittsburgh — From Francis Ronaud,

Has goods ready to forward to St. Louis. 1p. 6482

July 3 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Details of drafts. 1p. 6483

July 4 — Detroit — From William Brewster

Shipped 75 packs. Stone offers his skins to the Company. It is probable that the Company can force all competitors to sell. 1p. 6484

July 4 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Re accounts. Beaulieu's trip to upper lakes was very fortunate. Will order parts for stoves later. L.B.O. 10:216 6485

July 4 — New York — To — Loisson, Pierry, France

Has forwarded letter for Baraga. Commercial embarrassments in U.S. diminished consumption of wine and reduced its price. Loisson's liberal donation is important for the support of Baraga's mission. L.B.O. 10:217 6486

July 4 — New York — To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Re certain shipment of furs not received. Skins recovered from wrecked steamer have been sent to a tanner. Re difficulties with transportation company. Re box to be forwarded to Chouteau. L.B.O. 10:218-219 6487

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- July 4 -- New York -- To John Garland, Washington  
Poinsett has not come to New York. Crooks has requested Crawford to supply Traders' testimony to Fleming. Wishes Garland to report what Crawford will do. L.B.C. 10:221 6488
- July 4 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Will forward blankets as soon as Loubat delivers them. Advises that wampum moons and pipes be ordered early. L.B.C. 10:222 6489
- July 4 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Jr., Fredericksburg  
Expects Rolette to return to New York and resume his work in office. Company will not supply further funds. L.B.C. 10:221a 6490
- July 4 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Shipment of 19 packs of furs. Re certificates of Indian debts to be handed over to new commissioner. Asks to have all necessary papers in evidence thereof sent at once. 2p. 6491
- July 4 -- Mobile -- From E. H. Hitchcock  
Has forwarded boxes and trunks; asks Crooks to store them. Will proceed to New York by land via Washington. lp. 6492
- July 4 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re drafts paid and drawn. lp. 6493
- July 5 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Enclose draft to be collected and credited on account. lp. 6494
- July 5 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Received merchandise. Encloses two deeds belonging to G. Wildes & Co. of London. lp. 6495
- July 5 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Re packs received. L.B.C. 10:222a 6496
- July 5 -- New York -- To Daniel Webster, London  
Details of Webster's account. Re bill of exchange drawn. L.B.C. 10:223 6497
- July 5 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London  
Is pleased that Hudson's Bay Co.'s beaver sale is postponed until August. Muskrats sell poorly. Discussion of the supply of muskrats. Prospects for fall sales are not flattering. Deer skins from Missouri region will be less than expected. Returns from Lake Superior will be less than in 1838. L.B.C. 10:224-227 6498
- July 5 -- Georgetown -- From Sister Cecilia  
Elizabeth Rolette has arrived and sent for her sister.

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- Directress resigns her charge of this sister. lp. 6499
- July 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re estimate of returns of robes. Robes from Platte country are very poor; have declined to buy them. May buy robes from Powell. lp. 6500
- July 5 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose abstract of account current for the last six months showing balance in favor of Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. [Not enclosed.] lp. 6501
- July 6 -- Lapointe -- From Frederick Baraga  
Re selling his wines. lp. 6502
- July 6 -- New York -- To Cornelius Hersey, Boston  
Discussion of Company's agreement with Hersey. L.B.C. 10:228 6503
- July 6 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Re funds received from Sturgis and credited on account of Chouteau & Mackenzie. L.B.C. 10:229 6504
- July 6 -- New York -- To Samuel P. Sturgis, Roxbury, Mass.  
Re draft received and credited to Chouteau & Mackenzie. L.B.C. 10:230 6505
- July 6 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Re delivery of few damaged skins said to belong to Knowers. L.B.C. 10:231 6506
- July 6 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses invoices for salt and goods consigned to Saginaw Outfit. Re deer skins received. Details of prices for otters and muskrats. L.B.C. 10:232 6507
- July 6 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Re furs forwarded to the Company. Re goods and powder shipped to Brewster to be forwarded to the Sault. Has received bill of lading from Kingston for stoves. lp. 6508
- July 7 -- Washington -- Elizabeth Rolette to John B. Whetten  
Wishes to know if Crooks left any directions for funds. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous). lp. 6509
- July 8 -- New York -- To Directress of Academy of the Visitation  
Will honor draft for account of Virginia Rolette. Crooks regrets removal of Virginia from school. L.B.C. 10:233 6510
- July 8 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
The Company has purchased Halsey's and Stocking's collec-

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tions of shipping furs. Do not expect any more collections to come to market. L.B.C. 10:234 6511

July 8 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Part of shipment of skins has arrived. Advises that entire lot of any shipment be kept together. L.B.C. 10:235 6512

July 8 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
The Company approves of Parsons' management of shipments. Lost box of goods may be found at St. Mary's. L.B.C. 10:236 6513

July 8 -- New York -- To -- Loisson, Pierry  
Consumers of champagne are very particular about label on bottle. Wine with new title will sell for more money. L.B.C. 10:237 6514

July 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of accounts. lp. 6515

July 9 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Fond du Lac fishery take has been 800 - 900 barrels for the year as compared with 140 barrels the year before. lp. 6516

July 9 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Is grateful to Abbott for defeating Ewing in dealing with Biddle & Drew. Encloses order for ox-hide shoes. L.B.C. 10:238 6517

July 9 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Re payment of account by Post-Office Department. Shipment of lead is on way from New Orleans. Re accounts. Discussion of effort to influence Poinsett concerning Winnebago claims. Re effort to have all evidence furnished to first commissioners placed in Fleming's hands. Urges Rolette to give Fleming a fair trial before condemning him. Demand for muskrats has subsided. Other skins sell well. L.B.C. 10:239-240 6518

July 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Discussion of offer sent by the Company for entire collection of robes. Returns are uncertain. Affairs of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. and of Upper Missouri Outfit terminate with the returns of this season. 2p. 6519

July 10 -- Cleveland -- From William Brewster  
Notification of drafts for fur and flour purchases. lp. 6520

July 10 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re shipment forwarded to Lampson. Will make additional shipments soon. L.B.C. 10:243 6521

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- July 10 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoice for furs and skins. Re plans for other shipments. Company is satisfied with Lampson's judgment in determining sales. Re directions to pay account of Lacy & Reynolds. L.B.C. 10:244-245 6522
- July 10 — New York — To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses certificates rejected by the government under the Winnebago claims. Hopes that satisfactory settlement can be made with Fleming. L.B.C. 10:246 6523
- July 10 — New York — To T. H. Crawford, Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Encloses certificate for balance due on Pottawatomie claim. L.B.C. 10:247 6524
- July 10 — New York — To Elizabeth Rolette, Fredericksburg  
Details of Crooks's opinion of Elizabeth's delay in starting home. L.B.C. 10:248 6525
- July 10 — Prairie du Chien — From Hercules L. Dousman  
Requests to have draft for Barrette sent to him to give directly to Barrette. lp. 6526
- July 10 — Pittsburgh — From Francis Ronaud  
Thinks rats have damaged packages while in storage at St. Louis. lp. 6527
- July 11 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 10:249 6528
- July 11 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Details of documents and letters received and drafts honored. Re peltries shipped to London. Bates and Stone will ship their own skins. Discussion of conversation and correspondence with Ewings concerning matter of meeting at Detroit. Company is not committed in any manner to deal with any opponents. Company is satisfied that Brewster has done all possible in buying furs. Re decline in prices for otters and muskrats. L.B.C. 10:250-254 6529
- July 11 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of reports about skins. Re sale of beaver and otters, at reduced prices. Advises that packs of furs be covered. L.B.C. 10:255-256 6530
- July 11 — St. Louis — From P. Chouteau, Jr.  
Demands for merchandise are greater than in 1838. Re order for additional blankets and goods. Urges prompt shipment of this order. Re directions for Loubat to replace certain blankets. lp. (French) 6531

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July 11 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Will allow the Company to settle terms of contract for robes. Have receipt for shipment to Chippewa river. 1p. 6532

July 12 — New York — To Merle & Co., New Orleans

Re receipt of shipment in good order generally. Request care that deer skins should not be cut. L.B.C. 10:257 6533

July 12 — New York — To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie

War Department has been advised of Ord's action in case of Berthkeht. Company shipped Livingston's goods before those for Hulbert left New York but transportation on Erie Canal was badly managed. Vallee, Boyer & Co. will honor Livingston's drafts. Re accounts. Discussion of Livingston's many duties. L.B.C. 10:258-260 6534

July 12 — Gerogetown — From Sister Cecilia

Rolette sisters are leaving Washington for Fredericksburg. They do not expect to go west before August. 1p. 6535

July 12 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re drafts. 1p. 6536

July 12 — Fredericksburg — From Elizabeth Rolette

Re difficulty in finding any one to accompany her and her sister on journey to West. 2p. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous) 6537

July 13 — Philadelphia — From H. Bromley

Encloses note in payment of muskrats. Wishes to know the prices and terms for otter skins. 2p. 6538

July 13 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re drafts drawn. Will ship more peltries by next packet. L.B.C. 10:261 6539

July 13 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London

Re prices in New York for beaver. Details of peltries received from Detroit and St. Louis. Quantity of skins from Lake Superior is expected to be less than in 1838. L.B.C. 10:262-263 6540

July 13 — New York — To Elizabeth Rolette, Washington

Re directions for Rolette girls to go home. L.B.C. 10:264 6541

July 13 — New York — To E. H. Hitchcock, Washington

Has received bill of lading for Hitchcock's property. L.B.C. 10:265 6542

July 13 — New York — To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Lead has been received. Discussion of prospects for sale

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of robes and proposed contract to furnish robes for Center and for Halsey. Re skins received. L.B.C. 10:266-267 6543

July 13 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Details of goods forwarded to St. Mary's and Green Bay.  
Description of stove parts shipped. Discussion of accounts.  
2p. 6544

July 14 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Details of transportation directions. Has forwarded box  
to Chouteau. 1p. 6545

July 15 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of purchase of Hoette's agent. Abbott wishes to  
see Crooks. Will ship \$20,000 worth of furs. Offer of Stone's  
furs expires July 15. 1p. 6546

July 15 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Re shipment of valuable articles to be forwarded to Chou-  
teau. Urges prompt shipment. L.B.C. 10:269 6547

July 15 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Shipments have arrived in good order. Will forward to  
London. Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale had been set for August 28.  
L.B.C. 10:270 6548

July 15 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Has corrected account. Collection of muskrats is larger  
than can be sold. Revival in demand for rats at beginning of  
1839 was of short duration. Fears Indian agents will not ob-  
tain funds for annuities before September. Discussion of extra  
work to be done at Lapointe and Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 10:  
271 6549

July 15 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Detroit  
Company was satisfied with small quantity of skins that  
Franchere collected on trip to Louisville. L.B.C. 10:272 6550

July 15 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Re accounts. Encloses invoices. Re directions about  
boxes for Agnew and Crooks. Encloses certain note not col-  
lected. L.B.C. 10:272-274 6551

July 15 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Crooks will set out July 15 for Lapointe. Approves of re-  
taining muskrats at Lapointe. Annexes list of items at debit  
of Northern Outfit. Details of inability to fill order for  
twine. Re directions about goods sent to Chippewa. Has in-  
formed Secretary of War of action of Ord in case of Berthkeht.  
Details of Lyon's advertisement about Chippewa claims. L.B.C.  
10:275-277 6552



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- July 15, — New York — To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Encloses account current to close of 1838. L.B.C. 10:278  
6553
- July 15 — New York — Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 10:268 6554
- July 15 — Perrysburg — From B. F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. lp. 6555
- July 15 — Albany — From J. & B. Knower  
Enclose drafts for \$1500. Sending small parcel of furs.  
lp. 6556
- July 15 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re robes forwarded. Details of drafts. lp. 6557
- July 15 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of drafts paid. lp. 6558
- July 16 — Sheffield — From Hiram Outler  
Annexes copy of account. Hopes to receive new order. lp.  
6559
- July 16 — New York — Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Re draft credited on account. L.B.C. 10:282 6560
- July 16 — New York — Ehninger to Parsons, Buffalo  
Has received Parson's account. Crooks has started to the  
West. L.B.C. 10:283 6561
- July 16 — New York — Ehninger to William Brewster, Detroit  
Re drafts. Crooks has started to the West. L.B.C. 10:284  
6562
- July 16 — New York — Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Re goods forwarded. L.B.C. 10:285 6563
- July 16 — New York — George Ehninger to H. Bromley, Phila-  
delphia  
Note has been credited on account. L.B.C. 10:286 6564
- July 16 — Leeds — From Benjamin Gott & Sons  
Regrets dissatisfaction of Company with prices on goods  
purchased by Gotts. lp. 6565
- July 16 — Nantucket — From Thomas O. Street  
Asks for temporary loan until he can obtain funds from  
Montreal. lp. 6566
- July 17 — New York — George Ehninger to Chouteau & Mackenzie,  
St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Crooks has set out for Detroit.  
L.B.C. 10:287 6567

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- July 17 — Albany — J. & B. Knower to George Ehninger  
Statement of furs shipped July 17. Desire statement of  
accounts. lp. 6568
- July 17 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
Introduce Felix Janis of house of Menard & Vallée. lp. 6569
- July 17 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Have given letter of credit to Felix Janis.  
lp. 6570
- July 18 — New York — George Ehninger to Crooks, Detroit  
Re error in book-keeping. Has received Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co.'s estimate of present crop of robes. Re sale of otters,  
L.B.C. 10:288-289 6571
- July 18 — New York — George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London  
Crooks left July 15 for Detroit. Will ship parcel of good  
deer skins. L.B.C. 10:290 6572
- July 18 — New York — George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill &  
Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. Re deer skins and furs to be shipped to  
Lampson. L.B.C. 10:291 6573
- July 18 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 6574
- July 19 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Shipped 100 packs and box of castoreum. Otters stolen from  
certain pack. Sent poor skins back to owner. lp. 6575
- July 19 — New York — George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Has sent estimates of robes to Crooks. Re account. Will  
communicate any reports from London as soon as received. De-  
tails of shipments. L.B.C. 10:293-294 6576
- July 19 — New York — George Ehninger to William Brewster, De-  
troit  
Re drafts. Re omission in abstract of account. L.B.C.  
10:295 6577
- July 19 — New York — George Ehninger to Crooks  
Lampson has not reported any change in prospects for furs.  
Annexes detailed account of Company's business for each day.  
L.B.C. 10:312-314 6578
- July 20 — New York — George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for deer skins shipped. L.B.C. 10:296-  
297 6579

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- July 20 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Have forwarded robes in good order. lp. 6580
- July 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Desire to have harmonious relations with Company. lp. 6581
- July 21 -- College Point, New York -- From John Spotswood  
Garland  
Re plans for trip to Detroit at close of school, August 1.  
lp. 6582
- July 22 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Orders blankets, hose, cloth, ear wheels, beads, horsebells  
rifles, pitch iron for tomahawks, and nails. lp. 6583
- July 22 -- New York -- From George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks,  
Detroit  
Will give immediate attention to requisitions. Annex<sup>d</sup> de-  
tailed report of all Company business of each day. L.B.C. 10:  
298-299 6584
- July 22 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Thomas C. Street,  
Nantucket  
The Company has no authority to advance money to Street.  
L.B.C. 10:300 6585
- July 22 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Discussion of plan to collect bill for Company. lp. 6586
- July 22 -- Johnstown, New York -- From Darius Clark  
Encloses draft in payment of note. lp. 6587
- July 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Re directions for shipment of merchandise. Have forwarded  
equipment to the bluffs for Ottos, and additional articles for  
the Sioux. Will send equipment to Osages in a few days. lp.  
(French) 6588
- July 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of robes. Re drafts. lp. 6589
- July 23 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Has received part of goods for St. Marys. Has forwarded  
furs from Detroit. Certain packs of beaver and otters have been  
specially sealed, in hope of detecting thieves. Crooks left  
Buffalo on the 19th for the West. lp. 6590
- July 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.,  
St. Louis  
Re drafts paid. The Company cannot explain discrepancy in  
weight of certain packs of deer skins. Will fill order for  
goods. Discussion of prospects and prices for all kinds of furs  
L.B.C. 10:301-303 6591

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- July 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co,  
Re shipment of robes. Have received sales accounts. 1p.  
6592
- July 24 -- Boston -- From James Boyd  
Inquires about prices of robes. 1p. 6593
- July 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Crooks is in Detroit; has made arrangement with the Ewings;  
they will no longer compete with the Company. Crooks will soon  
go North. 1p. 6594
- July 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Re accounts and drafts. L.B.O. 10:304. 6595
- July 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Re draft accepted. Details contents of letter from England.  
Annexes memorandum of muskrats sold to Halsey. L.B.O. 10:305-6  
6596
- July 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks, Detroit  
Halsey desires Crooks' views in re Root & Leonard. Lead  
has not been sold. Raccoons are being prepared for London Packet.  
Money is scarce. L. B. O. 10:307 6597
- July 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Elizabeth Rolette,  
Fredericksburg  
Will pay draft. Pratte will leave Wheeling August 5 and  
can give protection to the Rolette girls as far as St. Louis.  
L.B.O. 10:308 6598
- July 24 -- Detroit -- Agreement between American Fur Company and  
William G. & George W. Ewing  
Parties -- Crooks for the Company and W. G. Ewing for him-  
self and G. W. Ewing. Purpose -- To carry on trade in furs and  
skins. Terms -- The Company agrees to increase its capital stock.  
New books shall be opened for all transactions. The Company  
agrees to admit W. G. & G. W. Ewing into the Company as stock-  
holders and to furnish them \$100,000 in stock. Ewings are to  
give the Company the benefit of their experience and services on  
a salary basis. Ewings as agents of the Company are to manage  
the business in the region between the Ohio River and Lake Erie,  
and which will be designated as the Southern Department. De-  
tails of private business to be carried on by the Ewings.  
Witnesses -- Franchere and McKay. 6p. (Detroit Department Papers)  
6599
- July 24 -- Detroit -- Agreement between American Fur Company and  
Ewing, Edsall & Company, and Ewing, Walker & Company  
Consider that trade can be more profitably carried on by  
firms jointly than separately in competition. Details area to  
be designated as "Southern Department". The Company shall supply  
money needed for prosecution of trade. Desire to collect and

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control all furs and skins within region. All furs and skins are to be forwarded to the Company in New York. Details agreements with agents. 5p. 6600

July 24 -- Perrysburg -- From Benjamin F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. 1p. 6601

July 25 -- Detroit -- Ramsay Crooks to George W. Ewing  
Papers of agreement between the Company and the Ewings have all been executed, but will conform to the "proviso" desired by W. G. Ewing. Hopes this "Bond of union" will produce important and happy consequences. 1p. 6602

July 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re invoices sent to Lampson. L.B.C. 10:309 6603

July 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Darius Clark  
Has received check in payment of note. L.B.C. 10:310 6604

July 25 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for robes. 1p. 6605

July 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Re merchandise to be imported from England. Advises that order for blankets should not be given to Gott & Sons. Details error by Loubat in recent order of blankets. 2p. (French) 6606

July 26 -- Detroit -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Has been in Detroit five days, four of which were consumed in negotiations and concluding arrangements with Ewing at Fort Wayne and Logansport. This will put an end to fierce competition. William G. Ewing has gone to New York; will show the Company a copy of the agreement which cannot fail to be advantageous to both parties. Abbott has returned to Mackinac. Forwards letters for Lampson, Loisson and W. G. Ewing. 2p. 6607

July 26 -- Detroit -- To William G. Ewing  
Has written G. W. Ewing in re proviso desired in articles of agreement. Hopes this will be satisfactory. 1p. 6608  
(Detroit Department Papers)

July 26 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Re Crooks's impending visit. Favorable report of fishery. 1p. 6609

July 26 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Account of sixteen packs of furs sent. Re delay in Indian payment. Figures of muskrats on hand. 1p. 6610

July 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Has sold Dousman's lead. Crooks has reached Detroit. L.B.C. 10:311 6611

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July 26 -- Washington -- From William B. Lewis

Crooks will be paid claim of John Van Houton against Sax and Fox Indians, allowed by treaty of October, 1837. 1p. 6612

July 27 -- Detroit -- To Stephen A. Halsey

Re correspondence about purchase of Stone's collection of furs. Has left the matter to be settled between Stone and Center. Has advised Center of all correspondence. Requests that collection shall not be allowed to get into the hands of adversaries. Details Brewster's collections. 3p. 6613

July 27 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman

Re payment of Barrette's yearly account with the Western Outfit. 1p. 6614

July 27 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower

Albany banks charge premium on drafts for New York. Details draft not paid by Boston firm. Sent small parcel furs last week. 1p. 6615

July 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr.

Remits memorandum for tin plate and black tin. Re shipping directions. 1p. (French) 6616

July 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re shipment of robes, furs, and deer skins. 1p. 6617

July 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Annex invoice. Enclose receipt from transportation line for furs. 1p. 6618

July 28 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Draft enclosed. 2p. 6619

July 28 -- River St. Clair -- To Stephen A. Halsey

Re directions for management of the Company business during Crooks's absence. Discussion of proposed purchase of Chouteau's robes. Advises that all beaver be shipped to London. Directions in re prices. All good skins should be sent to Lampson. Re proposal to settle with Astor for muskrats. 3p. 6620

July 28 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francois Renaud

Has forwarded goods to St. Louis. Re subscription for French paper. 1p. 6621

July 29 -- Steamer General Wayne, Lake Huron -- To Stephen A. Halsey

Discussion of Astor's contention about joint account of sale of muskrats; terms of settlement to offer Astor. Collection of buffalo robes will be less than in 1838 by 13,000 at least. Details customers to be supplied with robes. Directions in re office affairs. Did not secure satisfactory arrangement with Treat & Carter for payment of their balance due Company. Brewster

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will forward furs soon. Unable to find coopers for the Northern Outfit; request the Company to find some one in East who can make fish barrels, and who will contract for at least 3 years. Re payment, supplies, etc. for coopers. Brewster will take Crooks's place in examining periodically the Northern posts and Crooks will remain at headquarters. Has given Brewster permission to build warehouse. 10p. 6622

July 29 -- Newport, R. I. -- From Arthur L. Magenis  
Encloses letters to Europe; asks Crooks to forward them. 1p. 6623

July 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Request the Company to arrange for shipment of annual supply of powder from the Duponts via New Orleans. Freight via Pittsburgh is too high. 1p 6624

July 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses note in payment of cloth. L.B.C. 10:315 6625

July 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John Spotswood Garland, College Point  
Encloses \$2. Will Pay Garland's expenses home. L.B.C. 10:316 6626

July 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John Campbell, United States Treasurer  
Encloses warrant payable at Detroit; requests warrant payable elsewhere. L.B.C. 10:317 6627

July 30 -- War Department, Office Indian Affairs -- From T. Hartley Crawford  
Requisition has been issued for payment of Van Houten's claim vs. Sac and Fox Indians. Papers connected with Winnebago claims have been transmitted to Fleming the commissioner. 1p. 6628

July 30 -- West Hartford -- From Elihu Olmstead  
Encloses payment on shipment of deer skins. 1p. 6629

July 31 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.  
Re order for robes. 1p. 6630

July 31 -- New York -- From William G. Ewing  
Is ready to depart for England. Time of engagement between Ewings and the Company should be specified and positive. Has suggested one year of joint interest and three of employment, as time enough to test propriety of a union of interests. Details certain articles of agreement indefinite. 4p. 6631

July 31 -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell (per D. Butler)  
Powder, guns, etc. shipped to Portage were received in good order. Furs received from Portage and shipped July 30 to Mack--.

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inac. Balance of furs from Prairie detained on the Wisconsin; uncertain when they will be received. Has received stoves to be sent to Prairie du Chien. 1p. 6632

July 31 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Detail the difficulty in shipping via the Ohio due to low water. 1p. 6633

July 31 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Shipments sent by the Company will have usual attention. Bills have been accepted as advised by Company. Weather very unfavorable; fear poor harvest. 2p. 6634

Aug. 1 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for peltries shipped. Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 10:318 6635

Aug. 1 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re peltries shipped to London. Annexes list of drafts drawn. L.B.C. 10:319 6636

Aug. 1 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Elihu Olmstead, West Hartford  
Has shipped deer skins. Has received funds in payment of account. L.B.C. 10:320 6637

Aug. 1 -- New York -- William G. Ewing to William Brewster  
Thinks country from mouth of Big St. Joseph and including Grand River should be added to Southern Department. Robinson and Duvernay have been dissatisfied at Mackinac and will leave next year. As they are large collectors, they should be retained. Details persons in region collecting furs. Ewings want open field in order to succeed. 3p. (Detroit Department Papers) 6638

Aug. 1 -- Frederick -- From John Ebert & Son  
Re order for deer skins. 1p. 6639

Aug. 2 -- Mackinac -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Re directions for placing credit at Marseilles for Dominique Santelli on account of his brother, Rev. Santelli. Investigation of claims under Winnebago treaty is to begin at Prairie, August 9. Lawe has gone to Prairie. Has purchased Biddle & Drew's skins. Crooks will go to St. Mary's, August 3, accompanied by McKay. Franchere will finish packing Mackinac collection. Mitchell is unable to ship direct to Buffalo. Annexes returns of Northern Department for 1839. 3p. 6640

Aug. 2 -- Mackinac -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Details papers, letters, etc., being sent to New York by Henry Hoffman. 1p. 6641

Aug. 2 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Detail drafts and notes. 1p. 6642



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- Aug. 2 -- Washington -- From William Seldon  
Re Treasury draft forwarded to Crooks. lp. 6643
- Aug. 2 -- Treasury Department -- From William Seldon  
Cannot change mode nor place of payment as suggested by  
Ehninger. lp. 6644
- Aug. 3 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has shipped 18,000 raccoons. lp. 6645
- Aug. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles J. Mourse,  
Washington  
Encloses check to be collected. L.B.C. 10:321 6646
- Aug. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
Details drafts and packing accounts received. Has sold  
otters and beaver. Details prices. Crooks at Detroit made an  
agreement with Ewings which will end rivalry. "The hatchet is  
deeply buried." Goods for Pierre Chouteau, Jr. will be shipped  
via New Orleans. L.B.C. 10:322-324 6647
- Aug. 3 -- Perrysburg -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per Furey)  
Draft drawn. lp. 6648
- Aug. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re skins shipped. Will send documents necessary to recover  
insurance for skins lost on wrecked vessel. lp. 6649
- Aug. 4 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Shipped 180 packs; 80 from Western Outfit. lp. 6650
- Aug. 4 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Both Lake Superior vessels have brought down full cargoes  
of fish. Lyon, commissioner of claims under Chippewa treaty,  
will leave for Lapointe to investigate and determine who is to  
receive the money. Re quantity of fish collected. The Company  
affairs are better than in 1838. 2p. 6651
- Aug. 5 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Orders blankets, cloth, beads, and ink for the store. lp. 6652
- Aug. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks  
Re daily record of the Company's business. Lampson expects  
a decline of ten percent on beaver. L.B.C. 10:325-327 6653
- Aug. 6 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster, De-  
troit  
Will observe instructions about drafts. Re sale of beaver.  
Encloses drafts to be collected. W. G. Ewing has gone to Europe.  
L.B.C. 10:328-329 6654

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- Aug. 6 -- New York -- To John Ebert & Sons, Frederick, Maryland  
(Per Ehninger)  
Cannot fill order for deer skins. L.B.C. 10:330 6655
- Aug. 6 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John McNab, Johnstown  
Has shipped deer skins. Requests note in payment.  
L.B.C. 10:331 6656
- Aug. 6 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Sends check. lp. 6657
- Aug. 6 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Re furs forwarded. lp. 6658
- Aug. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received account sales of deer skins. Re drafts. lp.  
6659
- Aug. 6 -- London -- From Daniel Webster  
Regrets that the Company drew draft for so large a sum but  
it has been accepted. Will go to Scotland, and Continent and  
then home. Price of corn is now fast falling. Hopes are enter-  
tained that commercial affairs will recover from present state  
of depressions. 2p. 6660
- Aug. 7 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet  
Will draw draft for about \$2500. lp. 6661
- Aug. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Hercules L. Dousman,  
Prairie du Chien  
Treasury Department has refused to change place of payment  
of certain draft, which has been transmitted to Brewster for col-  
lection. L.B.C. 10:332 6662
- Aug. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks  
Details office accounts. Chouteau's goods have been for-  
warded. Will fill Abbott's order promptly. Halsey will follow  
instructions in re proposal to be made to Astor. L.B.C. 10:333-4  
6663
- Aug. 7 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Enclose check to pay note due August 5. lp. 6664
- Aug. 8 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Francis Ronaud, Pitts-  
burgh  
Re shipment of goods to be forwarded to Chouteau. Hopes  
the Ohio is still navigable. L.B.C. 10:335 6665
- Aug. 8 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Has received check in payment of note. L.B.C. 10:336 6666
- Aug. 8 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re robes and furs forwarded. Re damages collected for cer-  
tain robes from boat line. lp. 6667

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- Aug. 9 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Abbott  
 Re articles in order, which cannot be found in market.  
 Re travels of Ehninger and Abbott in Europe eighteen years before. L.B.G. 10:337 6668
- Aug. 9 -- Philadelphia -- From John Garland  
 Polette's daughters have set out for home. Re funds furnished to Polette's children. 1n. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous). 6669
- Aug. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
 Re shipment of furs. 1p. 6670
- Aug. 10 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
 Agent sent to Canada for coopers; coopers to be engaged in East; qualifications necessary; terms. 1p. 6671
- Aug. 10 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
 Copy of the previous letter of the same date to the Company. Encloses nos. 5413 and 6673. 1p. 6672
- Aug. 10 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to James H. Cook  
 Instructions to go to Canada for coopers; qualifications, and terms. Enclosed in no. 6672. 1p. 6673
- Aug. 10 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
 Prospects for autumn fur sales exceed Crooks's most sanguine expectations. Re directions about furs to ship to London. Dark northern beaver may be wanted for China. Is pleased that Lampson has agreement with Sargent & Sons for Northwest guns. Discussion of fur sales. Encloses Simpson's draft for 300 on Hudson's Bay Company. Lyon and Bushnell have proceeded to upper part of Lake Superior for payment of Chippewa annuity. Has no news yet of money to pay Indians and half-breeds. 3p. 6674
- Aug. 10 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- To George Simpson, London  
 Has received annual payment from Simpson of £ 300 due the Company as per agreement with the Hudson's Bay Company. L.B.G. 10:398 6675
- Aug. 10 -- Gloversville, New York -- From John McNab, Jr.  
 Has received deer skins in good order. Details notes and accounts. 1p. 6676
- Aug. 10 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
 Enclose bill of lading for peltries. 1p. 6677
- Aug. 10 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
 Re furs received from J. Hollister of Perrysburgh, and forwarded to the Company. Details items of expense. 1p. 6678
- Aug. 10 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
 Wishes copy of accounts current. Directions for shipping buffalo robes. 1p. 6679

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- Aug. 10 -- New York -- John B. Whetten to C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for furs and skins shipped. L.B.C. 10:  
338 6680
- Aug. 11 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Re shipment of furs. lp. 6681
- Aug. 11 -- Boston -- From John D. Daggett  
Requests funds, and that mail be forwarded. lp. 6682
- Aug. 12 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Selling price of beaver will cause loss. Separate sales  
account of Comporet's skins to be kept. Has shipped all furs on  
hand; more coming in. Wishes to be kept advised of foreign and  
domestic fur movements. Noted position of W. G. Ewing in the  
Company's employ. 2p. 6683
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to A. & S. Henry & Co.,  
Leeds  
Encloses order for goods. L.B.C. 10:339 6684
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill &  
Co., Liverpool  
Re peltries shipped to Lampson. Will forward raccoons  
soon. Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 10:340 6685
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Encloses order for goods. Crooks is in Lake Superior region.  
L.B.C. 10:341 6686
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John D. Daggett, South  
Attleboro, Massachusetts  
Details drafts. L.B.C. 10:342 6687
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Details directions from Crooks to employ four capable coop-  
ers, preferably from fishing coast region. Requests Bates to  
find coopers for the Company at once. Company will send coopers  
to Lake Superior. L.B.C. 10:343-345 6688
- Aug. 13 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Re furs received from Detroit and forwarded to New York.  
All this shipment was in good order. lp. 6689
- Aug. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 6690
- Aug. 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Orders stock anchor, nails, tissue paper, and bills of  
exchange. Encloses no. 6692. lp. 6691
- Aug. 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Record of contract by which the Company will furnish the  
Department with funds to complete the warehouse. lp. Enclosed  
in no. 6691 6692

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- Aug. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks  
Company agrees with Crooks in re muskrat transaction.  
Has written to Bates to engage coopers. Details drafts. Re  
payment for lead. Will forward Abbott's order. Will conclude  
contract in re robes with Halsey and Centers. L.B.O. 10:346-348  
6693
- Aug. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John Garland, Phila-  
delphia  
Is gratified that Rolette's daughters have finally started  
home. Re account with Garland's son. L.B.O. 10:349 6694
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Chouteau & Mackenzie,  
St. Louis  
Details accounts. L.B.O. 10:350 6695
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
Has honored all drafts. Will investigate matter of forward-  
ing powder via New Orleans. Details accounts. Will begin deliv-  
ery of robes to country dealers soon. Robes have arrived in fine  
order. L.B.O. 10:351-352 6696
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Dominique Santelli,  
en Corse, France  
Encloses bill of exchange for 1500 francs from Santelli's  
brother at Mackinac. L.B.O. 10:353 6697
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoice of goods for Northern Department. Have  
made remittance to Dominique Santelli. L.B.O. 10:354 6698
- Aug. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Alexander Sorymgeour,  
Patterson  
Re directions from Merle & Co. in regard to a certain bill.  
L.B.O. 10:355 6699
- Aug. 15 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Re furs received from St. Louis and Mackinac. Details break  
in canal and delay of boats. lp. 6700
- Aug. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received robes and beaver from Missouri. Expect addi-  
tional robes. Realize that prices paid for otter and beaver are  
too high. Prefer that all be shipped to England if it cannot be  
sold in New York for \$4.50 cash. lp. 6701
- Aug. 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallée, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Encloses account current to August 1. Will forward robes  
as directed. L.B.O. 10:356 6702

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- Aug 16 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Has sent order for fall supplies. lp. 6703
- Aug. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From John Garland  
Wishes credit for funds advanced to Rolette's children.  
Fears Crooks will meet with much delay and vexation in consequence of tardy movements of Indian Department. lp. 6704
- Aug. 16 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Re furs forwarded. Delay in shipment due to break in canal. lp. 6705
- Aug. 17 -- Frederick -- From John Ebert & Sons  
Re order for deer skins. lp. 6706
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Company will engage coopers in Canada. Requests Bates to disregard earlier directions. L.B.C. 10:357 6707
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.,  
St. Louis  
Woolens have been ordered from Henry & Co., and cutlery from Cutler. Has informed Loubat about blankets. Will give attention to order for tin. Loubat has reported arrival of green blankets. L.B.C. 10:358-359 6708
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Annexes bill for robes which have been forwarded. L.B.C. 10:359 6709
- Aug. 17 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 6710
- Aug. 17 -- Montreal -- From George Askton & Co.  
Wish to purchase raccoon skins. Asks about prices. lp. 6711
- Aug. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co  
Re drafts. Have shipped robes. lp. 6712
- Aug. 18 -- Huntington -- From G. W. Ewing to William Brewster  
Has received a copy of the agreement entered into by W. G. Ewing and Crooks. New arrangement is entirely satisfactory, except terms applying to Ewing, Walker & Co., Logansport. Details interests of latter concern. Hopes to have arrangement satisfactory to all. Considers prospects good for securing entire collections of region at safe prices. Concert of action should be kept secret. Let it be understood that falling off in Company's skin purchases is in consequence of decline of prices in foreign markets. "We will seem to continue on our own account to buy at reasonable prices. Your handwriting is known in this country, let your clerk back your letters to me." 3p. 6713

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- Aug. 19 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Acknowledges receipt of goods. Outfit order. 1p. 6714
- Aug. 19 -- Lapointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
A great many Indians are collected at Lapointe to receive their annuities. Goods are on hand but money has not arrived. If the Indians await the arrival of the money they will have no provisions for the journey home. Some have 300 miles to travel. The government intercourse with the red brethren is managed shamefully. The benefit that the annuities might be is neutralized by lateness and uncertainty of payment. The "Brewster" has gone to Grand Portage and Isle Royale to bring fish for inspection. Neither post has done much this year but season of best fishing is about commencing. Returns in furs and skins are better than Crooks expected. Directions in re painting from Europe for Baraga. 4p. 6715
- Aug. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to G. M. Lampson, London  
Order for thread. Will send copies of Lampson's letters to Crooks. L.B.C. 10:360 6716
- Aug. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Amos Kendall, Washington  
Encloses contractor's account against Post Office Department. Requests payment. L.B.C. 10:361 6717
- Aug. 19 -- Perrysburg -- From Benjamin F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. 1p. 6718
- Aug. 20 -- Lapointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Two thousand Indians await the payment of annuities. Indians are much in need of food but behave with great propriety. Re Borup's order for twine. Wishes 1000 lbs. gun powder sent with twine. Advises attention to requisition for Northern Department. 3p. 6719
- Aug. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Re deficit in shipment of skins from Detroit. Will advise Brewster to use different method in covering packs. Re shipment of goods to be forwarded to Abbott. L.B.C. 10:362-363 6720
- Aug. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster, Detroit  
Has advised Bates not to engage coopers. Requests copy of agreement between Company and Compere & Colerick. Will forward to Crooks copies of Lampson's letters. L.B.C. 10:364-365 6721
- Aug. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Orr W. Towne, Boston  
Encloses bill of lading for robes. L.B.C. 10:366 6722

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- Aug. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallée, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Has shipped robes as directed. Hopes quality will be satisfactory. L.B.C. 10:367 6723
- Aug. 20 -- Auburn, New York -- From D. Martin  
Asks for date of the Company's sale of robes and terms of credit. lp 6724
- Aug. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks  
Encloses copies of Lampson's letters. Has countermanded order to Bates about coopers. Will wait for further directions in re employing of coopers. Stone's furs have been shipped to Lampson. L.B.C. 10:368-369 6725
- Aug. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Encloses letter for Crooks. Re accounts. Details skins stolen in transportation to Buffalo. Advises better method of packing. L.B.C. 10:370-371 6726
- Aug. 21 -- Lapointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Forwards letter to be sent to Gov. Simpson on subject affecting deeply the prosperity of the Fond du Lac trade. [See no. 6728]. Has had nothing but Indian "talks" all day. lp. 6727
- Aug. 21 -- Lapointe -- To Gov. George Simpson, London  
Discussion of cases of upper Mississippi Indians who have traded with the Hudson's Bay Company establishment at Rainy Lake in violation of the agreement between the Company and the Hudson's Bay Co. Details of difficulties in preventing Indians from obtaining ardent spirits. L.B.C. 10:403 6728
- Aug. 21 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Introduction of Mr. Dowling of Galena, going to New York on lead business. lp. 6729
- Aug. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re robes forwarded. lp. 6730
- Aug. 21 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of accounts. lp. 6731
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. Pierce & Sons,  
St. Johns  
Re robes to be forwarded to Vallée, Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 10:371 6732
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Hercules L. Dousman,  
Prairie du Chien  
Gives details of account against Post-office Department. Re sale of lead. L.B.C. 10:372 6733



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Aug. 22 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower

Bill for robes is correct. Enclose draft on Van Winkle  
& Randall. 1p. 6734

Aug. 22 -- Forks of the Wabash -- George W. Ewing to William  
Brewster

Approves Brewster's views in relation to united business.  
Will be vigilant in collecting. Stone at Dayton is the only  
serious opposition. Expects to get most of the skins. Sug-  
gests that each party buy from all those from whom they bought  
last year. Apparent falling off of opposition in all hands  
could be attributed to bad prospects ahead. Different estab-  
lishments could keep up appearances of anxiety to purchase all  
the lots but refuse to exceed certain prices. Re boundaries  
of operations for W. G. Ewing. Advises sending efficient man  
into Canada to secure good Indian skins. Thinks union of in-  
terests will result in mutual satisfaction and benefit. (De-  
troit Department Papers). 3p. 6735

Aug. 22 -- Washington -- From C. K. Gardner

Gives instructions about draft to be presented for payment.  
1p. 6736

Aug. 23 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Crooks is at Lapointe. Order of twine, borax, and alum.  
Indian payments will be made September 9. 1p. 6737

Aug. 23 -- Lapointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey

Government has not sent any ammunition with annuity goods;  
Northern Department needs additional supply. Details ammunition  
to be forwarded. 1p. 6738

Aug. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London  
Has forwarded to Crooks copies of Lampson's letters. Hopes  
autumn sales will meet Lampson's expectations. Re drafts drawn.  
Advises that twine be ordered at once. L.B.C. 10;373 6739

Aug. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill &  
Co., Liverpool

Re drafts drawn. Expects to make large shipment of furs  
and skins soon. L.B.C. 10-374 6740

Aug. 23 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Have given attention to directions in letters from the  
Company. 1p. 6741

Aug. 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. K. Gardner, Post  
Office Department

Has received draft from Postmaster General. L.B.C. 10:375  
6742

Aug. 24 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re furs forwarded. 1p. 6743

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- Aug. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Request the Company to supply funds for D. D. Mitchell,  
and charge to account of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 6744
- Aug. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Request the Company to supply funds for K. Mackenzie,  
and charge to account of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 6745
- Aug. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Has forwarded anchor and nails. Has taken half interest  
in Stone's skins, in conjunction with Center. Re statement  
of skins shipped to Lampson. Has sold otters and light deer-  
skins in New York. L.B.C. 10:376-378 6746
- Aug. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons,  
Buffalo  
Re goods to be forwarded to Detroit and Mackinac. L.B.C.  
10:380 6748
- Aug. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to D. Martin, Auburn  
The Company is not likely to have public sale of robes.  
Details prices of robes. L.B.C. 10:381 6749
- Aug. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower,  
Albany  
Details accounts. Annexes statement of terms of sale of  
various kinds of robes. L.B.C. 10:382 6750
- Aug. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Re dates fixed for Lampson's sales. Will have over 100,000  
raccoons in the sales. Webster has accepted Crooks's bill of  
exchange for \$1000. Encloses copy of agreement made with Center  
& Son and S. A. Halsey for sale of robes. L.B.C. 10:385 6751
- Aug. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have given letters of credit to Mitchell and to Mackenzie.  
lp. 6752
- Aug. 26 -- Garcy's Ferry, E. Fla. -- From John M. Clendenin  
Re draft sent to certain tailor on account of St. Marys  
Outfit. lp. 6753
- Aug. 26 -- Boston -- From Cornelius Hersey  
Details legal complications with certain firm. Has not  
been able to comply with last agreement made with Crooks. 2p.  
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- Aug. 26 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has forwarded goods. The Ohio river is navigable for  
keel boats only. 1p. 6755
- Aug. 27 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details agreement with Comparet & Colerick for fur buying.  
Hoette's shipments to Leipsic will affect London market. Wishes  
to keep complete file of Lampson's letters. The office to en-  
gage coopers. Indian trade order enclosed. Crooks at Lapointe.  
Wishes prices of robes. 2p. 6756
- Aug. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Davis  
Details coopers wanted by the Company for work at Lake  
Superior, and terms of agreement that may be made. L.B.C. 10:  
383-384 6757
- Aug. 27 -- Montreal -- From Demers & Co.  
Desire to know if the Company can supply them with robes.  
1p. 6758
- Aug. 27 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Re iron forwarded to Mackinac and salt to St. Marys. Box  
of paintings for Baraga has been forwarded to Brewster. Discus-  
sion of theft of furs in transit. Re furs received from Pratte,  
Chouteau & Co. 3p. 6759
- Aug. 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts and accounts. Have noted that the Company has  
closed contract with S. A. Halsey and Center & Son for robes  
of this year's collection. 1p. 6760
- Aug. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Merle & Co., New  
Orleans  
Has received lead from Western Outfit and robes from St.  
Louis. Details certain robes damaged. Encloses certified copy  
of Scrymgeour's account for silver works. L.B.C. 10:386-387  
6761
- Aug. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks  
Will credit Gov. Simpson's draft to the Northern Outfit.  
Details agreement in re Stone's skins, which have been shipped  
to Lampson. Annexes list of skins and prices. Has sold part  
of deer skins in New York. Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 10:388-389  
6762
- Aug. 28 -- Boston -- From Barzillai Homes  
Asks for prices of different kinds of robes. 1p. 6763
- Aug. 28 -- Green Bay -- William Mitchell to Samuel Abbott  
Ships 100 packs which have been examined. Enclosed in no.  
6851. 1p. 6764
- Aug. 29 -- Boston -- From Samuel Davis  
Details efforts to employ coopers. 2p. 6765
- Aug. 30 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Discussion about filling Borup's emergency order of twine

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and gun powder. lp.

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Aug. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit

Re Parson's opinion about stolen otter skins. Annexes  
invoice for nails, anchor, etc. Has sent agent to Massachu-  
setts to engage coopers. L.B.O. 10:390 6767

Aug. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Abbott  
Has received a letter from Crooks. Will fill Abbott's  
private order at once. L.B.O. 10:391 6768

Aug. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks  
Re note paid. Money is extremely scarce and stocks very  
low. The Company has not taken any action on case of Root &  
Leonard. Has sent agent to Massachusetts to hire coopers. Has  
been compelled to renew Van Winkle & Randall's notes. Hersey  
is unable to make payment. L.B.O. 10:392-393 6769

Aug. 31 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Wishes coopers to be sent immediately. Is glad the Com-  
pany has interest in David Stone's furs. Directions for taking  
copies of letters. lp. 6770

Aug. 31 -- Boston -- From Samuel Davis  
Has contracted with three coopers. lp. 6771

Aug. 31 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Barzillai Homes  
Details of terms for sale of robes of various kinds.  
L.B.O. 10:394 6772

Aug. 31 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Demers & Co., Montreal  
The Company cannot sell robes to more than one house in  
Montreal. Robes can be purchased from Halsey or Centers. De-  
tails terms of sale. L.B.O. 10:395 6773

Aug. 31 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Cornelius Hersey,  
Boston  
The Company cannot give Hersey any aid beyond that expres-  
sed in Crooks's letter of July 6. Crooks will be absent sever-  
al months. L.B.O. 10:396 6774

Aug. 31 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Details drafts. Annexes account sales. Re muskrats mis-  
sing in certain shipment. L.B.O. 10:397 6775

Aug. 31 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re robes forwarded. lp. 6776

Aug. 31 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Details of disastrous fire in New York. Have  
heard that Company office was not destroyed. lp. 6777

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- Aug. 31 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Received fifty bales of buffalo robes; orders fifty more  
and five packs of calf robes. lp. 6778
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to O. M. Lampson, London  
Is preparing furs and skins for shipment. Expects to re-  
ceive good prices. Annexes list of drafts. L.B.C. 10:399 6779
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. Will forward large shipment of peltries  
on next packet. L.B.C. 10:400 6780
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Davis, Boston  
Discussion of terms to be offered to coopers. L.B.C. 10:  
401 6781
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- From Talbot, Olyphant & Co.  
Circular -- Firm of Olyphant & Co. of Canton is dissolved,  
but will continue business in New York. Charles W. King and  
William H. Morse will continue the business in Canton. lp. 6782
- Sept. 2 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Giving details of letter from Crooks re order of powder  
to reach St. Marys before October 1. Kinds of powder that can  
be purchased in Buffalo and prices of it. lp. 6783
- Sept. 3 -- Boston -- From Barnard, Adams & Co.  
Request acceptance and return of enclosed draft of Pratte,  
Chouteau & Co. lp. 6784
- Sept. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons,  
Buffalo  
Directions for sending coopers to Detroit. L.B.C. 10:402 6785
- Sept. 3 -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell (per D. Butler)  
Gives destinations of furs in recent shipment. Lost pack  
has not yet been located. lp. 6786
- Sept. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Sanford has returned from Prairie du Chien  
after waiting six weeks for arrival of U. S. Commissioner who  
did not come. Claimants and half-breeds were much disappointed.  
Sanford will attend payment of Sac and Fox annuities. lp. 6787
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Has sent three coopers to Buffalo. Twine is ready to  
ship. Will give attention to order for goods. Annexes terms  
of sale of robes. L.B.C. 10:404 6788

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- Sept. 4 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Re order for sending supplies. lp. 6789
- Sept. 4 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re furs forwarded. lp. 6790
- Sept. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Alexander Scrymgeour,  
Patterson  
Desires information about dividends of Paterson Fire  
Insurance Company. L.B.C. 10:405 6791
- Sept. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons,  
Buffalo  
Re shipment for Lapointe to be forwarded promptly. L.B.C.  
10:406 6792
- Sept. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Barnard, Adams & Co.,  
Boston  
Has accepted Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s draft. L.B.C. 10:407  
6793
- Sept. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Order for merchandise to be purchased in England and France.  
Re time for delivery. Have no news from upper Missouri. Sanford  
has returned from Prairie du Chien. Re drafts. lp. (French)  
6794
- Sept. 6 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Account of 97 packs of furs. Re shipment of fish to the  
New York market as an experiment. lp. 6795
- Sept. 6 -- Lapointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Money for Indians and half-breeds has not arrived. Will  
send the "Brewster" to St. Marys for provisions and salt. Has  
forwarded remainder of furs and skins. Has shipped fifty half  
barrels of Lake Superior fish to try the New York market. Re  
prices of fish. Annuity goods have been distributed among the  
Indians. The government, with its usual scrupulous regard in  
performing treaty stipulations with the red men, has sent \$6000  
more in goods than was required; will only get about \$3000 in  
specie. Investigation of half-breed claims is drawing toward  
a close. Treaty business causes more loss than gain. Most of  
the Indians are on the way home; are favorably disposed towards  
the Company. Fishing prospects are brighter. 4p. 6796
- Sept. 6 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ashton & Co., Montreal  
Has no raccoons for sale in New York. L.B.C. 10:408 6797
- Sept. 6 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallee, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Details of accounts. Has forwarded robes as directed.  
L.B.C. 10:409 6798

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- Sept. 6 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Re drafts and accounts. Is gratified that Brewster ap-  
proves agreement re Stone's skins. Re vessels expected from  
England. L.B.C. 10:410 6799
- Sept. 6 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks  
Re difficulty in engaging coopers. Parsons has been direc-  
ted to forward Borup's goods promptly. Governor Simpson has not  
yet reached New York. Re drafts drawn. Details of notes. Money  
remains scarce and stocks low. L.B.C. 10:411-412 6800
- Sept. 6 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 6801
- Sept. 6 -- Paris -- From Charles de Montholon  
Details regarding letter of exchange drawn for General  
Gratiot. His wife will purchase embroideries for Mrs. Chouteau.  
Exchange very unfavorable. Re proposed trip to New York. lp.  
6802
- Sept. 7 -- Philadelphia -- From John M. Chapron  
Encloses draft to be accepted. lp. 6803
- Sept. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Annexes abstract of account. Re drafts. L.B.C. 10:413  
6804
- Sept. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have received invoices. Ohio river is very low. Fear de-  
lay in shipments. Will need green blankets soon. lp. (French)  
6805
- Sept. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received copy of agreement re robes. Re robes and  
furs shipped. lp. 6806
- Sept. 8 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Re goods shipped to Mackinac and Detroit. Furs from St.  
Louis have not arrived. lp. 6807
- Sept. 9 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John M. Chapron,  
Philadelphia  
Has accepted Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s drafts. L.B.C. 10:414  
6808
- Sept. 9 -- Paterson -- From Alexander Sorymgeon  
Details of Paterson fire insurance and non-payment of  
dividend. 2p. 6809
- Sept. 9 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Re payment on account and order for robes. lp. 6810

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Sept. 10 -- Copenhagen -- From Theodore Borup  
Requests Crooks to forward boxes to C. W. Borup. lp. 6811

Sept. 10 -- Lapointe -- To John Brunet  
Re Brunet's offer to authorize Borup to act as deputy inspector of fish in Crawford County. Gov. Dodge prefers that Brunet make the appointment. Had no provision to swear in deputy till Warren became notary public. Encloses Borup's oath and requests that commission be sent. (Western Outfit Miscellaneous, 1837-47). lp. 6812

Sept. 10 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for furs and skins shipped. Hopes fur market will improve. L.B.C. 10:415 6813

Sept. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received sales accounts. Re error in packing account. lp. 6814

Sept. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks  
All goods ordered for Mackinac, St. Marys and Lapointe have been shipped. Re substitute in order for twine. Re shipment of furs and skins. Montreal paper has reported Simpson's return from Red River Settlement. L.B.C. 10:416-417 6815

Sept. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses copy of letter to Lampson. Re shipment of peltries to Lampson. Has not yet found another cooper. L.B.C. 10:418 6816

Sept. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses notes to be collected. L.B.C. 10:419 6817

Sept. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Re furs received from Lapointe. Re accounts. Annexes invoice for twine, powder, etc., which have been shipped. Hopes coopers have arrived. Has forwarded letter to Copenhagen. L.B.C. 10:420 6818

Sept. 11 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Asks valuation on shipment of one box of furs. lp. 6819

Sept. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re robes and deer skins shipped. lp. 6820

Sept. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Has credited draft on account. Encloses bill of lading for robes. Re bill for robes. L.B.C. 10:421 6821



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- Sept. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John R. Livingston  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Encloses invoice for merchandise for St. Marys Outfit.  
Details of accounts. Encloses letter for Borup. L.B.C. 10:422  
6822
- Sept. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Abbott,  
Mackinac  
Encloses invoice for goods which have been shipped. Re-  
quests information of Crooks's movements. Ehninger is gratified  
to be remembered by Abbott. L.B.C. 10:423  
6823
- Sept. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co., Liverpool  
Hopes Lampson's sales will be satisfactory. Re drafts  
drawn. L.B.C. 10:424  
6824
- Sept. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons  
Details of goods forwarded. Wants date of departure of  
coopers. L.B.C. 10:425  
6825
- Sept. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Will advance D. D. Mitchell such funds as he may call for.  
Will honor drafts. Encloses copy of letter from Lampson. Will  
render Mackenzie all aid possible. L.B.C. 10:426  
6826
- Sept. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft. lp.  
6827
- Sept. 13 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Has received robes. lp.  
6828
- Sept. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Merle & Co., New  
Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for tin and merchandise to be for-  
warded to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. L.B.C. 10:427  
6829
- Sept. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re notes and check. lp.  
6830
- Sept. 16 -- Lapointe -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Has drawn draft for Baraga's sister who is about to return  
to Germany. Requests Company to secure passage, etc., for Mme.  
Hoffern. lp.  
6831
- Sept. 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Details of robes bought by Bates from the Company. L.B.C.  
10:428  
6832
- Sept. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Will ship mountain beaver soon. lp.  
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- Sept. 16 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of payment of drafts. Orders fifty bales of  
buffalo robes. lp. 6834
- Sept. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons  
Details directions for sending cooper to Buffalo. L.B.C.  
10:429 6835
- Sept. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Benjamin Hatch, Troy  
Re error in filling order for robes. L.B.C. 10:430 6836
- Sept. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower,  
Albany  
Annexes bill for robes which have been forwarded. L.B.C.  
10:431 6837
- Sept. 18 -- Troy -- From Benjamin Hatch  
Details of certain bales of robes being returned. Wishes  
better quality of robes. lp. 6838
- Sept. 18 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pokersgill & Co.  
Will not give A. & S. Henry decisive answer in matter of  
drafts until instructions are received from the Company. 2p.  
6839
- Sept. 19 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Have received Company's order for sundry goods. Increased  
value of money in England and moderate demand for goods has had  
slight effect on prices of wools and manufactured goods. lp.  
6840
- Sept. 19 -- Baltimore -- From A. A. Massias  
Forwards Chouteau's draft and wishes it placed to his ac-  
count. lp. 6841
- Sept. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of accounts. lp. 6842
- Sept. 19 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Orders five bales of calf robes. Directions about invoices  
for customs officers. lp. 6843
- Sept. 20 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott (per Stephen James)  
Has received goods. Derived good profit from Indian pay-  
ments. Money for Indian payment at Lapointe has left Sault. lp.  
6844
- Sept. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Has forwarded robes as directed. Re the part of the Com-  
pany robes to be sold only at public sale. L.B.C. 10:432 6845

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Sept. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Hiram Cutler  
 Account current is correct. Encloses order for cutlery.  
 L.B.C. 10:433 6846

Sept. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to A. & S. Henry & Co.,  
 Leeds  
 Encloses order for goods to be shipped from Liverpool,  
 February 1. L.B.C. 10:434 6847

Sept. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill  
 & Co., Liverpool  
 Annexes statement of drafts drawn. Re Cutler's account.  
 Hopes to receive favorable reports of Lampson's sale. L.B.C.  
 10:435 6848

Sept. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to G. M. Lampson, London  
 Has forwarded Lampson's letter to Crooks. Re drafts. L.B.C.  
 10:436 6849

Sept. 20 -- Perrysburg -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per Furey)  
 Re draft drawn. 1p. 6850

Sept. 20 -- Mackinac -- From Stephen James  
 Has shipped ninety packs of Western Outfit furs. Abbott  
 is in Green Bay for Indian payments. Hopes to close business  
 and leave October 5. Encloses no. 6764. 1p. 6851

Sept. 20 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
 Re attention to directions given in Company's letters.  
 Confirm account of sales rendered by Lampson. Wildes, Pickers-  
 gill & Company wish to be advised when any person is authorized  
 to draw on them. 2p. 6852

Sept. 21 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Byron Greenough,  
 Portland  
 Has filled order for robes. L.B.C. 10:437 6853

Sept. 21 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
 Has delivered robes to Van Winkle & Randall for Knowers'  
 account. L.B.C. 10:438 6854

Sept. 21 -- New York -- George Ehninger to A. A. Massias, Wash-  
 ington  
 Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 10:439 6855

Sept. 21 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallée, Boyer & Co.,  
 Montreal  
 Has credited draft on account. Details of accounts. Com-  
 pany will sell damaged robes, etc. only at public sale. Has  
 shipped fifty packs of robes as directed. L.B.C. 10:440 6856

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Sept. 21 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons

Details of merchandise, powder, and salt forwarded to the lakes. Three coopers have proceeded to the upper lakes. 2p. 6857

Sept. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Annex order for merchandise. Part of supplies are needed in first shipment. Powder ought to be shipped via New Orleans. Re draft to be credited to Sire. Have no news from upper Missouri. 1p. (French) 6858

Sept. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Has ordered English goods. Encloses invoice for tin and blankets. Order for French blankets has been given to Loubat. Deer skins have not sold satisfactorily in London. L.B.C. 10: 441 6859

Sept. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster, Detroit

Has honored drafts. Has sent additional cooper. Encloses copy of letter from Lampson. L.B.C. 10:442 6860

Sept. 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Encloses bill for robes which have been forwarded. L.B.C. 10:443 6861

Sept. 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks

Has forwarded Lampson's letter. Fears loss on recent sale of deer skins. Lampson expects high prices for raccoons. Re drafts drawn. Money market remains in deplorable condition. Banks discount sparingly. Company will have to rely largely on exchange on London. Simpson is expected in New York soon on way to London. Will give attention to sale of fish. L.B.C. 10: 444-446 6862

Sept. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received copy of Lampson's letters. Re draft. 1p. 6863

Sept. 24 -- Montreal -- From Vallee, Boyer & Co.

Orders 100 bales of robes. 1p. 6864

Sept. 25 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Burup

Memoranda of supplies for the Northern Outfit. Certificates of claimants under Indian treaty. Re drafts on the Company. 2p. 6865

Sept. 25 -- Liberty, New York -- From Oliver P. Secord

Wishes to secure employment for young men as hunters and trappers in western country. 1p. 6866

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- Sept. 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of skins. lp. 6867
- Sept. 26 -- New York -- From David D. Mitchell  
Requests Crooks to be agent thru whom letters from Harpers publishing company may be forwarded to Mitchell. Regrets not having seen Crooks in New York. Encloses no. 7179. 1/2 lp. 6868
- Sept. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re enclosed check. lp. 6869
- Sept. 27 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Goods for the Sault and Lapointe have arrived. Coopers have come. Has 8000 skins on hand. lp. 6870
- Sept. 27 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Details of sale of caps for the Company. Exchange on eastern cities is very bad. lp. 6871
- Sept. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has honored drafts. Re funds advanced to D. D. Mitchell. Re sale of red, blue and grey deer skins. L.B.O. 10:447 6872
- Sept. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster, Detroit  
Re drafts accepted. Will forward goods for Saginaw Outfit. L.B.O. 10:448 6873
- Sept. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Has forwarded one hundred packs of robes, as directed. L.B.O. 10:449 6874
- Sept. 28 -- Manchester -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Introducing Henry Stevens, agent in New York for A. & S. Henry & Co. lp. 6875
- Sept. 28 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Re robes and furs forwarded. Expect to hear soon about claim against Costanzi's estate. lp. 6876
- Sept. 28 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Re assistance to inventor of floating dock. Re furs forwarded. Has sent balance of coarse salt to Detroit. 3p. 6877
- Sept. 30 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Government paid Chippewa Indian and half-breeds \$103,500.,

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of which Crooks has with him \$59,000. Borup's management of the Northern Outfit fully meets Crooks's expectations. Re Borup's order for goods. Supplies are late in arriving. Re arrangements with Cebra & Cuming for twine. Advises ordering certain twine from Lampson. Re instructions for ordering goods for the Northern Department for next year. 4p. 6878

Oct. -- -- Philadelphia -- From Lea & Blanchard

Notice that subscription of \$10 is due on American Medical Journal for C. W. Borup, Fort Ramsey. 1p. 6879

Oct. 1 -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Annexes list of drafts drawn. Re furs and skins shipped to Lampson. L.B.C. 10:450 6880

Oct. 1 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for furs and skins. Pratte, Chouteau & Co. desire all beaver sent to London. L.B.C. 10:451 6881

Oct. 2 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet

Could not deliver salt at earlier date than specified. Details of extra charges. Will draw for \$1000. 1p. 6882

Oct. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John F. Hoff, New York  
Details of Marsh's account. L.B.C. 10:452 6883

Oct. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks

Lists furs and skins shipped to Lampson. Discussion of account with Lampson. Has advised Lampson of Pratte, Chouteau & Company's desire in the matter of beaver. Encloses copy of Simpson's letter. Simpson has sailed from New York for London. Details of election of directors of the Company. L.B.C. 10:453-454 6884

Oct. 2 -- Pittsburgh -- From James May

Encloses bill of exchange drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co., which banks will not accept. Hard times in money market. 1p. 6885

Oct. 2 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Re part of order cancelled. Will forward packs at once. Barques from upper Missouri have not arrived. Re drafts. Are in need of tin plate. 1p. (French) 6886

Oct. 2 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne

Re payment on account and order for robes. 1p. 6887

Oct. 3 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler

Order will be filled as requested. Asks for special payment, due to continued disarrangement of monetary system. 1p. 6888

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- Oct. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Has received bill of lading for robes. L.B.C. 10:455 6889
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Will credit check on account. The Company will have a public sale of robes, October 16. L.B.C. 10:456 6890
- Oct. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses abstract of account. Re payments to Mackenzie and to Mitchell. L.B.C. 10:457 6891
- Oct. 3 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 6892
- Oct. 3 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Re furs forwarded. Annexes copy of account with the Company. lp. 6893
- Oct. 5 -- Detroit -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Confirms order of September 30. Re letters received from Company. Investment in Stone's skins is satisfactory. Is much pleased with Lampson's sales. Desires to adjust muskrat account with Astor equitably. Regrets financial difficulties of Center and others. Advises the Company to manage prudently. Coopers for St. Marys have arrived. Encloses certain certificates and drafts under Chippewa treaty of 1837. Considers prospects of Lake Superior trade more favorable than for years past. Has full confidence in management of both Borup and Livingston. Re increase in fish trade. Indians were detained too long at Lapeinte but may make fairly good hunts. Will set out for West via Mackinac and Green Bay, October 6. McKay remained at Lapeinte to assist in closing the business of 1835. Franchere will assist Detroit Department. 6p. 6894
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has filled order for robes, as directed. The Company will have public sale of robes, October 16. L.B.C. 10:458 6895
- Oct. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Expect last robes from Sioux Outfit, October 6. Re shipment of skins. lp. 6896
- Oct. 5 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Received fifty bales of robes. Enclose draft. [Not enclosed.] lp. 6897
- Oct. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Bernard Pratte, [Jr.]  
John P. Cabanne wishes the Company to supply him with goods for the Indian trade for 1840. Encloses no. 6899. lp. 6898

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- Oct. 7 -- St. Louis -- From John P. Cabanné  
Details of value of goods likely to be purchased and terms  
of payment desired. Enclosed in no. 6898. lp. 6899
- Oct. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to James May, Pittsburgh  
Has accepted Pratte, Chouteau & Co.'s draft. L.B.C. 10:459  
6900
- Oct. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks  
Details of serious fire in New York. Halsey and Center  
& Son lost nearly everything. All Halsey's books were lost. De-  
tails losses of other persons. Re fire in New York fortnight  
earlier. L.B.C. 10:460-461 6901
- Oct. 8 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Prospects for fall sale are good. Regrets Saginaw goods  
did not arrive sooner. Crooks was in Detroit October 6; paid  
Brewster \$60,000. lp. 6902
- Oct. 8 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Stephen A. Nidelet,  
Philadelphia  
Encloses check for Mrs. Pratte. L.B.C. 10:462 6903
- Oct. 8 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallee, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Re accounts. The Company will have public sale of robes,  
October 16. Details of disastrous fire in New York. L.B.C.  
10:463 6904
- Oct. 8 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
Details of disastrous fire in New York, which destroyed  
fur stores of Halsey, Center & Son and others. L.B.C. 10:464  
6905
- Oct. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Since emigration of Pottowatomies, Otto post is most im-  
portant for sale of woollen cloth. Discussion of damaged guns.  
Enclose samples of cloth to be sent to manufacturers. Barques  
from the Sioux have not yet arrived. 2p. (French) 6906
- Oct. 8 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft in payment of account. Re order for Sioux  
robes. lp. 6907
- Oct. 9 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Wishes inquiry made if certain lake fish would sell in  
New York. Can send at least 1000 barrels. lp. 6908
- Oct. 9 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Annexes return of skins and furs from Fort Wayne. Details  
of disastrous fire in New York. Is awaiting reports of Lampson's  
fur sales. L.B.C. 10:465 6909



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- Oct. 9 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons,  
Buffalo  
Re merchandise to be forwarded to Detroit. Is grateful  
for assistance to Daggett. L.B.C. 10:466 6910
- Oct. 9 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Orr N. Towne  
Has credited draft on account. Has shipped robes as  
directed. L.B.C. 11:1 6911
- Oct. 10 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Report of nearly 300 barrels of fish at Isle Encampment.  
Re intake of certain moneys for the Company. 2p. 6912
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- George Ehninger to T. Hartley Crawford,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Encloses certificates from Lyon for claims against Chip-  
pewas on account of debts. Requests remittance. L.B.C. 11:2 6913
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Encloses copies of letters from London. Crooks was on his  
way to Prairie du Chien, October 5. The store leased by Pratte  
Chouteau & Co. that was destroyed by fire. L.B.C. 11:3 6914
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- Pierre Chouteau, Jr. to Peter Lorillard,  
New York (per Ehninger)  
Re terms of insurance on property leased by Pratte, Chou-  
teau & Co. L.B.C. 11:4 6915
- Oct. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson  
Has received report of fur sales. The Company regrets  
condition of fur market, especially prices for raccoons. An-  
nexes extract from Crooks's letter re order for twine. Details  
of disastrous fire in New York. L.B.C. 11:5-6 6916
- Oct. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
Re introduction of Dr. Salter who proposes to live in St.  
Louis. L.B.C. 11:7 6917
- Oct. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Encloses copies of Lampson's letters. Regrets low prices  
received, especially for raccoons. Desires remittance of funds  
left with Brewster by Crooks as soon as possible. L.B.C. 11:8 6918
- Oct. 11 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Order twenty packs soiled robes and ten packs of upper  
Missouri robes and three bales of calf robes. Also, would like  
a few bales of extra robes and whole skins. 1p. 6919

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Oct. 12 -- Mackinac -- To Stephen A. Halsey

Is pleased that accounts with Lampson are in a creditable condition. Wishes Company's credit to be kept high. Considers Pratte, Chouteau & Company's opinion of value of beaver wrong. Re papers being sent to New York. Will go to Green Bay to attend Menominee annuity; hopes to collect some money from the Company's debtors who deal with these Indians. Business generally is encouraging. 3p. 6920

Oct. 12 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re robes and furs forwarded to the Company. 1p. 6921

Oct. 12 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re goods forwarded. 1p. 6922

Oct. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Thomas Underwood

Requests Crooks to honor draft drawn by Montholon in Paris in payment of articles for Underwood. 1p. 6923

Oct. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Annex orders for goods. Re error in insurance. Sioux barques have arrived in good condition. Will ship robes and beaver. 1p. (French) 6924

Oct. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany

Has forwarded robes as directed. The Company will sell calf robes at public sale, October 16. Requests remittance on account. L.B.O. 11:9 6925

Oct. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks

Encloses copies of Lampson's letters. Hopes to receive some money from Brewster soon. George Wildes has arrived in New York. L.B.O. 11:10 6926

Oct. 14 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Crooks left Mackinac for Green Bay, October 12. James is leaving for New York with Northern Department papers and castor-um. Has shipped 2 packs. 2p. 6927

Oct. 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Has shipped one hundred packs of furs, sixty barrels of fish. Department will have surplus of 4000 barrels of fish. 1p. 6928

Oct. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks

Drafts sent by Brewster are very unwelcome. Annexes extracts of Lampson's letters in case earlier letter does not reach Crooks. Lampson has sent marked catalog of Rows' sale and report of sale. Money is more abundant in London. Encloses copy of letter from W. G. Ewing. L.B.O. 11:11-13 6929

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- Oct. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster  
Detroit  
Encloses report of London sales. Re prospects for sale  
of lake fish. Encloses copy of letter from W. G. Ewing.  
L.B.C. 11:14 6930
- Oct. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ezra S. Hamilton,  
Hartford  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 11:15 6931
- Oct. 14 -- New York -- From William G. Ewing  
Contracts with the Company in July were made in great  
haste. Has discovered that one contract was written entirely  
different from real understanding, and that there are other  
defects in both of them. Understands that contract is only  
with Crooks and is binding on him alone. Partners are so dis-  
satisfied with contracts as to refuse to be bound by them.  
Advises Company that he cannot execute or observe either con-  
tract. (Detroit Department Papers). 2p. 6932
- Oct. 14 -- New York -- From J. M. Arnold  
Encloses note to be collected. 1p. 6933
- Oct. 14 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Satterlee Clark, Jr.  
Applies for employment with the Company as trader. Has  
talked to Stuart. 1p. 6934
- Oct. 14 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Regrets not knowing about sale in New York of painted and  
damaged robes, in time to attend. 1p. 6935
- Oct. 15 -- Washington -- From T. Hartley Crawford  
Claims against Chippewa Indians cannot be paid until re-  
port of commissioner is examined and approved. 1p. 6936
- Oct. 15 -- Green Bay -- To Stepehn A. Halsey  
Is awaiting return of agents from Prairie du Chien where  
claims under Winnebago treaty are being considered. Lawe owes  
the Company a large sum, which Crooks hopes may be reduced by  
use of Lawe's Winnebago award and Menominee annuity. Has drawn  
draft for Rolette's personal account. (Western Outfit Miscel-  
lany). 2p. 6937
- Oct. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Merle & Co., New  
Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for merchandise to be forwarded  
to St. Louis. L.B.C. 11:16 6938
- Oct. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles W. Borup,  
Lapointe  
Encloses invoice for lines and twines. Has forwarded Chip-  
pewa certificates to Washington. Will forward supplies and  
boxes for Borup from Copenhagen. Encloses agreements with coop-  
ers. L.B.C. 11:17 6939

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- Oct. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Encloses invoice for goods which have been forwarded.  
L.B.C. 11:18 6940
- Oct. 15 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Has received goods from New York except powder. Re furs  
and fish sent to New York. Re Crooks's journey in the West. 2p.  
6941
- Oct. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Enclose draft to be collected and credited on account. 1p.  
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- Oct. 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to T. Hartley Crawford,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Requests payment on Chippewa certificates. L.B.C. 11:19  
6943
- Oct. 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 11:20 6944
- Oct. 16 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Order from the Company will receive careful attention and  
directions given will be followed. Expect only trifling decline  
in value of Yorkshire goods. 1p. 6945
- Oct. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks  
Little or nothing was sold at the Company's public sale.  
Crawford will not pay any Chippewa certificates until Lyon's  
report is sanctioned. Expects remittance from Brewster. L.B.C.  
11:21 6946
- Oct. 17 -- Hartford -- From Ezra S. Hamilton  
Re note received. One robe lost in certain bale. 1p.  
6947
- Oct. 18 -- Detroit -- From James Abbott  
Order for champagne and directions for forwarding it. 1p.  
6948
- Oct. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co., Liverpool  
Re order sent to Henry & Co. for goods. Expects to ship  
more furs to Lampson. L.B.C. 11:22 6949
- Oct. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received abstract of account current. Enclose invoice  
of furs shipped. Regret loss of Halsey and Centers; wish infor-  
mation on this affair. 1p. (French) 6950

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- Oct. 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Cause of poor London sales is Hoette's competition. Ewing's statements to Ehninger were false. May send 600 barrels of fish to New York. Saginaw goods cannot be sold without invoices. Account of William Mitchell with Company; discussion. 2p. 6951
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to A. & S. Henry & Co.,  
Leeds  
Details of patterns of blue cloth wanted. L.B.C. 11:25  
6952
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to James Henry, Boulton  
Gun Works  
Encloses order for rifles to be delivered January 1. L.B.C.  
11:24 6953
- Oct. 19 -- Lapointe -- From James McKay  
Announces intended trip to New York; expects to arrive  
January 1st. 1p. 6954
- Oct. 20 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Trip of the "Brewster" to Isle Royale with fish cargo.  
Arrival of "Astor" with full cargo. Money sent to Livingston  
and Brewster for flour and pork. Re building of wharf. 2p.  
6955
- Oct. 20 -- Chippewa -- From James Cummings  
Details about certain heirs who have claim against Trinity  
Church, New York. 2p. 6956
- Oct. 20 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Sends certificates of claimants against Winnebagoes under  
treaty of 1837. 1p. (1840) 6957
- Oct. 21 -- New York -- George Ehninger to A. & S. Henry & Co.,  
Leeds  
Re special directions about certain cloth ordered. L.B.C.  
11:25 6958
- Oct. 22 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
& Co., St. Louis  
Has forwarded American vermilion via New Orleans. Wishes  
to know if it will serve as substitute for Chinese which is ex-  
tremely scarce. Requirements of insurance company in the case of  
the destroyed and damaged skins. Has given Henry directions  
about rifles, and Henry & Co. directions about cloths. Re letter  
to be sent to Crooks. Crooks will be disappointed at result of  
London sales. Money was never so scarce in New York before.  
The Company's public sale was a failure. L.B.C. 11:26-28 6959
- Oct. 22 -- Perrysburg -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per Furey)  
Draft drawn. 1p. 6960
- Oct. 22 -- St. Louis -- From John D. Daggett  
Details drafts drawn on the Company. 1p. 6961

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Oct. 22 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re the banking situation. Re skins and furs received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 2p. 6962

Oct. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Discussion of claim due -- of Montreal; request Company to make the payment. Have received Crooks's letter from Lapointe. [Part of letter illegible] lp. (French) 6963

Oct. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re skins shipped. lp. (French) 6964

Oct. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Encloses notes for collection. Will give directions for disposing of proceeds. Crooks expects to return by St. Louis and will not reach Philadelphia before December. L.B.O. 11:29 6965

Oct. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks

James has arrived with certain papers from Lyon. Drafts previously sent to Washington have not been paid. L.B.O. 11:30 6966

Oct. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Regrets that robes are considered inferior in quality; requests that they be returned. Encloses bill for new shipment of robes. L.B.O. 11:31 6967

Oct. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Orr N. Towne, Boston

Re shipment of robes. L.B.O. 11:32 6968

Oct. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal

The Company's public sale was not successful. Details shipment of robes of various qualities. These robes may be sold on account or on commission. L.B.O. 11:34 6969

Oct. 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Dardieu, Neveu & Cloupet, Bordeaux

Details remittance for Sire, as requested by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.O. 11:33 6970

Oct. 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie

Annexes invoice for goods forwarded. Furs and fish have arrived. L.B.O. 11:35 6971

Oct. 24 -- Boulton -- From James Henry

Re prices of certain patterns of rifles; quality of some patterns. lp. 6972

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Oct. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Discussion of Halsey and Centers in certain business affairs. Are disappointed in prices of English market. Prices paid for peltries are too extravagant to permit profit. Re Halsey's draft. 2p. (French) 6973

Oct. 25 -- Green Bay -- To Stephen A. Halsey

Has been delayed because of Lawe's illness; must ascertain condition of the Company's business in Lawe's hands. Re Fleming refusal to distribute \$150,000 to pay traders' claims under Winnebago treaty; Fleming will consult Poinsett on the matter. Fear Poinsett will ascribe Winnebago decision to management of trader and create unfavorable impression against claimants. Hopes Fleming can be persuaded to confirm division made last year by Cameron and Murray. Discussion of whole Winnebago situation. Hopes to leave October 30 for the Mississippi. 3p. 6974

Oct. 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles W. Borup, Lapointe

Drafts of Lyon on Indian Department remain unpaid. Encloses invoices for sundries and stoves. Fish have arrived. L.B.C. 11:36 6975

Oct. 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien

Encloses invoices for stoves purchased in Montreal. Detail of accounts. Will send Crooks's letters to Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 11:37 6976

Oct. 25 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower

Encloses draft for amount of note collected. Orders 25 bales of upper Missouri robes. 1p. 6977

Oct. 25 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons

Notice of draft drawn to pay for tombstones ordered by Crooks. 1p. 6978

Oct. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Have received bills for collection. Will welcome Crooks's return from the West. Discuss the banking situation. 1p. 6979

Oct. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks

Re drafts from Brewster which are valueless. Details of Halsey's financial affairs. Banks seem resolved not to suspend specie payment, so must discount sparingly. The Company is selling little except robes. Will endeavor to sell lake fish. Crawford has not made any payment on Chippewa certificates. Goods for Northern Outfit have been forwarded. L.B.C. 11:38-39 6980

Oct. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Details of drafts and notes. Banks do not expect to suspend specie payment. L.B.C. 11:40 6981

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- Oct. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to James Abbott, Detroit  
Re bill for champagne which has been shipped. L.B.C. 11:41  
6982
- Oct. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles J. Nourse,  
Washington  
Encloses certificate given by Lyon for claim against Chip-  
pewas; requests Nourse to present it for payment. Details of  
certificates sent to Crawford and not yet paid. Desires pay-  
ment in New York funds. L.B.C. 11:42-43 6983
- Oct. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons,  
Buffalo  
Re furs, fish, etc., received. Details of goods forwarded.  
Crooks has directed that goods for Lapointe be sent to Detroit  
by steamboat. L.B.C. 11:44 6984
- Oct. 26 -- Dundas -- From James B. Ewart  
Encloses draft to be collected and credited on his account.  
Details of drafts drawn. lp. 6985
- Oct. 26 -- Washington -- From John Garland  
Encloses draft to be collected and credited to Garland's  
account on the books of the Company. Will leave for Florida,  
October 27. lp. 6986
- Oct. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of good deer skins. lp. (French) 6987
- Oct. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Re order for robes not filled. Discussion of Knowers' un-  
paid account with the Company. L.B.C. 11:45-46 6988
- Oct. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Merle & Co., New  
Orleans  
Details of shipments. L.B.C. 11:47 6989
- Oct. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Bernard Pratte, St.  
Louis  
Crooks expects to visit St. Louis. Plans for supplying  
Cabanné with goods for Indian trade can be determined between  
Pratte and Crooks. L.B.C. 11:48 6990
- Oct. 28 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs not ready to pay certain  
amount. lp. 6991
- Oct. 28 -- New York -- From William Kemble  
Details of price and transportation of powder. lp. 6992
- Oct. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From A. A. Massias  
Has drawn draft, by authority of Ehninger's letter. lp.  
6993



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- Oct. 28 -- Albany -- From American Transportation Company  
Annex copy of bill of lading from P. L. Parsons for furs  
consigned to the Company. Details of charges. 2p. 6994
- Oct. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Comments on banking conditions. Have received check from  
the Company. lp. 6995
- Oct. 29 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has shipped 700 barrels of fish. Thinks high prices for  
salt fish will open the New York market to lake fish; re prices.  
Encloses no. 6997. lp. 6996
- Oct. 29 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Bronson & Crocker  
Sends 650 barrels in care of their company; offers fish  
for selling. Enclosed in no. 6996. lp. 6997
- Oct. 29 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Details delay in preparing invoices. Will try to find  
market for fish. Discussion of drafts remitted by Brewster  
which the Company cannot use. Regrets that Brewster did not  
send specie. Re difficulties in having accounts paid. Fish  
dealers report dull market. L.B.C. 11:49-50 6998
- Oct. 29 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
Annexes invoice for vermillion. Details of insurance  
charges. L.B.C. 11:51 6999
- Oct. 29 -- Perrysburg -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per Furey)  
Draft drawn. lp. 7000
- Oct. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons,  
Buffalo  
Has accepted draft. Re directions about fish lost in  
transit. L.B.C. 11:52 7001
- Oct. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Whitter, Frederick,  
Maryland  
Re fish for Mrs. E. Brown. L.B.C. 11:53 7002
- Oct. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Chouteau & Mackenzie,  
St. Louis  
Re accounts. Kenneth Mackenzie has advised that fish be  
forwarded to St. Louis. Banks are resolved not to suspend  
specie payment, all mercantile, mechanic and other meetings  
notwithstanding. L.B.C. 11:54 7003
- Oct. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Abbott,  
Mackinac  
Details of drafts and accounts. Hopes to receive payment  
from Indian Department soon. L.B.C. 11:55 7004

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- Oct. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Moses D. Burnett,  
Syracuse  
Details of drafts. L.B.C. 11:56 7005
- Oct. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Oliver P. Secord,  
Liberty, N. Y.  
The Company does not engage men as trappers. L.B.C. 11:57  
7006
- Oct. 30 -- College Pointe -- John Spotswood Garland  
Requests skates and \$3 to buy small sleigh. lp. 7007
- Oct. 30 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles Gratiot  
Discussion of arrangement for paying draft drawn by Gratiot's  
son-in-law, Count Montholon, for 2000 francs. Re goods ordered  
for Mrs. Chouteau to be charged to account of Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
2p. 7008
- Oct. 31 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles Gratiot,  
Philadelphia  
Has accepted Montholon's draft. Has not received any parcels  
by Havre packets. L.B.C. 11:58 7009
- Oct. 31 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Thomas Underwood,  
Philadelphia  
Has accepted Montholon's draft. Gratiot proposes to pay  
draft. L.B.C. 11:59 7010
- Oct. 31 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have shipped skins and furs. Request payment of bill due  
Samuel Palmer. Request that Montholon be supplied with funds.  
lp. (French) 7011
- Nov. 1 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London  
Account sales are correct, except one item. Crooks is  
expected to return in December. Encloses invoices for furs and  
skins shipped. W. G. Ewing has declined to adhere to agreement  
made with Crooks, because his partners are dissatisfied. L.B.C.  
11:60-61 7012
- Nov. 1 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks  
Details of accounts. Re difficulties in obtaining payment  
of bills. Discussion of unpaid note of Packard & Howland. The  
Company has refused to furnish any more robes to Knowers until  
payment on account is made. Has not received any payment on  
Chippewa certificates. L.B.C. 11:62-64 7013
- Nov. 1 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis  
Details of accounts. The DuPonts request permission to  
ship powder direct from Philadelphia to New Orleans. Henry will  
fill order for guns. L.B.C. 11:65 7014

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- Nov. 1 -- Washington -- From John Farley (of U.S. Coast Survey)  
Has discussed white fisheries of Lake Superior with Brewster. Has investigated source of wealth in fisheries of Potomac. Demand for fish is increasing. People lack enterprise and capital to develop resources. Advocates Potomac fisheries to be more profitable than lake fisheries; urges Crooks to develop Potomac fisheries. Re market among the blacks. 4p. 7015
- Nov. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re shipment of furs and skins. Details of draft. 1p. (French) 7016
- Nov. 2 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Re possibility that Bank of Michigan will not be able to meet draft. Infers the Company's financial situation is better than that of other New York firms. 1p. 7017
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for fish to be forwarded to Chouteau & Mackenzie. Wishes to know prospects for sale of lake fish at New Orleans. Banks are resolved to continue specie payments. L.B.C. 11:66-67 7018
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re certain note to be protested. Exchange on Philadelphia is 13 1/2 per cent discount. L.B.C. 11:68 7019
- Nov. 4 -- Garcy's Ferry, E. Fla. -- From John Clendenin  
Discussion of draft drawn on the Company and letter from Livingston about accounts. 2p. 7020
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re payment of certain note expected to be dishonored. Will remit proceeds. L.B.C. 11:69 7021
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Cook & Donnelly, Catskill  
Re fish for Erastus Root. L.B.C. 11:70 7022
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to James B. Ewart, Dundas  
Details of drafts. Crooks is not expected home before December. L.B.C. 11:71 7023
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to James Cummings, Chippewa, Canada  
Details opinions about certain claim against Trinity Church. L.B.C. 11:72 7024
- Nov. 4 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Re goods forwarded. Has shipped fifty half barrels of fish. Efforts have been made to settle with the Transportation Company for goods lost. 2p. 7025

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Nov. 4 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Pratte, Chouteau & Co. will write about all matters of peltries. Annex memoranda of merchandise to be purchased in England and France. If Loubat is not certain of the quality of his blankets, send order to England. Hope vermilion will arrive soon. Have forwarded letters to Crooks at Prairie du Chien. lp. (French) 7026

Nov. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Re Borup's draft to be charged to the Company's account. Details of directions from Pratte, Chouteau & Co. for payment of certain funds to persons in Canada. L.B.C. 11:73-74 7027

Nov. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster, Detroit

Will endeavor to dispose of fish. Has shipped some fish to St. Louis, on advice of Mackenzie. Encloses copy of Lampson's letter, received Nov. 4. L.B.C. 11:75 7028

Nov. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Encloses draft to be accepted. L.B.C. 11:76 7029

Nov. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Mrs. Stockton, Princeton

Re fish sent by Agnew for Mrs. Stockton. L.B.C. 11:77 7030

Nov. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Josiah Worth, Princeton

Re fish sent by Agnew for Worth. L.B.C. 11:18 7031

Nov. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Have instructed Siter, Price & Co. to draw on the Company for renewal of fire policies. lp. (French) 7032

Nov. 5 -- Hartford -- From Ezra S. Hamilton

Encloses check to be credited on account. lp. 7033

Nov. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., to Merle & Co.

Introduces Michal Menard of Galveston who will purchase deer skins for the Chouteaus. Have arranged for Menard to draw on the Merles for funds up to \$12,000, and Merle will draw on the Company. Enclosed in no. 7139. lp. 7034

Nov. 6 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Major John Garland, Tallahassee

Has credited Garland with amount advanced to Rolette's children. Virginia Rolette died October 13 while on the way home. Has credited draft on account. Crooks is not expected home before December. L.B.C. 11:79 7035

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- Nov. 6 -- Brooklyn -- From John F. Hoff  
Is unable to pay certain draft because of hard times.  
Begs leniency until he can raise some money. 2p. 7036
- Nov. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of drafts and notes. Statement of accounts. Hope  
for decline in exchange. 1p. 7037
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill &  
Co., Liverpool  
Re directions to pay Henry & Company's account for goods.  
Re furs and skins shipped to Lampson. L.B.C. 11:80 7038
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to A. & S. Henry & Co.,  
Leeds  
Has directed Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to honor Henry's  
bill for goods. L.B.C. 11:81 7039
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wm. B. Welles, Bank  
of Utica  
Details of drafts. L.B.C. 11:82 7040
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ezra S. Hamilton, Hart-  
ford  
Has credited drafts on account. Requests additional re-  
mittances. L.B.C. 11:83 7041
- Nov. 7 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs. Re damaged skins. 1p. 7042
- Nov. 8 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Joseph Rolette, Prairie  
du Chien  
Annexes account of sales of lead. Regrets death of Rolette's  
daughter. L.B.C. 11:84 7043
- Nov. 8 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Re kinds of robes the Company can supply. Encloses draft  
on the Mission Board to be collected. L.B.C. 11:85 7044
- Nov. 8 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Chouteau & Mackenzie,  
St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for fish. Hopes St. Louis will be a good  
market for lake fish. L.B.C. 11:86 7045
- Nov. 8 -- Boston -- From Cornelius Hersey  
Re Hersey's financial status and proposals to settle with  
his creditors. Plans about going into mercantile business. 2p. 7046
- Nov. 9 -- Hartford -- From Ezra S. Hamilton  
Re enclosed check. 1p. 7047

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Nov. 9 -- Buffalo -- From Benjamin F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. 1p.

7048

Nov. 9 -- Bank of Utica -- From W. B. Welles (Cashier)  
Utica banks are neither discounting nor selling exchange  
on New York. Will collect drafts if the Company so desires. 1p.

7049

Nov. 9 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Complains about shipment of inferior robes. Requests  
reduction on bill. Prefers to do business with Crooks. 1p.

7050

Nov. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John Garland, Jr.,  
College Point

Has purchased skates as requested. Encloses \$3. L.B.C.  
11:57

7051

Nov. 11 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has shipped last packs of the season -- 40 packs. Regrets  
state of the Company's financial affairs; hopes news from Eng-  
land will relieve them. 1p.

7052

Nov. 11 -- Princeton -- From Josiah Worth  
Requests the Company to forward fish sent by Agnew. 1p.

7053

Nov. 12 -- Prairie du Chien -- To William Brewster  
Advisable not to sue Ewings for breach of July arrangement;  
the Company's agents not to trust them in anything. Has told  
Chouteau to oppose Ewings about lower Mississippi, and Company  
agents in Missouri. Must secure raccoons in certain section to  
prevent another fall in price. Trade at Prairie du Chien has  
not been profitable. Is going to St. Louis. Sibley leaves for  
St. Peter's. To send list of skins from interior received in  
1838. Enclosed in no. 7134. 3p.

7054

Nov. 12 -- Prairie du Chien -- To Stephen A. Halsey  
Regrets calamity of New York fire. Has considered Lampson's  
reports carefully. No doubt Hotte's mismanagement has had and  
will continue to have a pernicious effect on European fur market.  
Will urge Brewster to dispose of Hotte in Lake and Ohio country.  
Deems Lampson's ideas on this subject correct. Is not surprised  
at failure of Halsey's public sale. Details efforts to relieve  
financial situation. Requests that invoices for the Western  
Outfit goods be forwarded. Has obtained from Brewster copy of  
W. G. Ewing's unaccountable production of October 14, 1839, ad-  
dressed to the Company, while he was in New York. The Company  
must return to belligerent position occupied before agreements  
were made. Will urge Brewster to carry on war with vigor. Hopes  
to go by water to St. Louis. Urges preparation of all annual  
accounts. 3p.

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- Nov. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Discussion of non-payment of drafts remitted by Brewster.  
Has not been able to sell fish. L.B.C. 11:88-89 7056
- Nov. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Josiah Worth,  
Princeton  
Regrets that Worth failed to find the Company's office in  
New York. Will hold fish, subject to Worth's orders. L.B.C.  
11:90 7057
- Nov. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St Louis  
Has directed Vallee, Boyer & Co. to make certain payments  
in Canada. Re drafts paid. Robes sell very slowly. Mercantile  
world is very gloomy. Re difficulties in collecting bills.  
L.B.C. 11:91-92 7058
- Nov. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co., Liverpool  
Re draft drawn. Hopes to receive more favorable news from  
the English market. L.B.C. 11:93 7059
- Nov. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Hiram Cutler,  
Sheffield  
Crooks is still absent. Will arrange to pay Cutler for  
goods. L.B.C. 11:94 7060
- Nov. 13 -- Hartford -- From Ezra S. Hamilton  
Details of check sent to the Company. 'lp. 7061
- Nov. 13 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Since banks suspended, only one has resumed checking on  
New York. Have the impression in New Orleans that after opening  
of New York legislature, old banks will suspend in New York,  
and will lead to exorbitant exchange. lp. 7062
- Nov. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Discussion of unpaid drafts. Re drafts accepted from  
Hollister. L.B.C. 11:95 7063
- Nov. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Byron Greenough,  
Portland  
Requests Greenough to examine certain parcel of robes and  
estimate value. L.B.C. 11:96 7064
- Nov. 14 -- College Point -- From John Spotswood Garland  
Receipt for \$3 and skates. lp. 7065
- Nov. 15 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry  
Discusses patterns used in filling orders. Samuel Henry  
ready to embark for New York. lp. (1840) 7066

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Nov. 15 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Impression is increasing that New York banks will suspend specie payment. Enclose for Ehninger a draft that was obtained as special favor. lp. 7067

Nov. 15 -- St. Louis -- Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Have received abstract of account current. Re drafts. lp. 7068

Nov. 15 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Statement of accounts. Present rate of exchange is ruinous. lp. 7069

Nov. 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 11:97 7070

Nov. 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London

Re poor deer skins returned by Lampson. Will ship muskrats soon. Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 11:98 7071

Nov. 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ezra S. Hamilton, Hartford

Has credited draft on account. Will be pleased to fill orders for robes. L.B.C. 11:99 7072

Nov. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte

Enclose Pratte, Chouteau & Company's bill of exchange for \$1300 to pay for bill of teas. lp. 7073

Nov. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re draft. Crooks had not reached Prairie du Chien on Nov. 4. lp. 7074

Nov. 16 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne

Re payment on account. Re order for 10 bales good robes. lp. 7075

Nov. 16 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Details of payments to certain persons. Money is scarce. lp. 7076

Nov. 17 -- Green Bay, Wisconsin -- From D. Jones

Details of offer of lumber that will be suitable for dock and building; details of prices. Bidders for work have not offered lower prices. lp. 7077

Nov. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Approves efforts to introduce fish. Re bank arrangements for certain draft. Crooks left Green Bay for Prairie du Chien with Judge Doty, November 2. Sends gold to New York. Details of plan to operate in East in flour. Re attitude to claim again



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- Treat & Carter. Discussion about insurance of property in new warehouse. Fears his strenuous competition with the Ewings will tax the Company. Encloses no. 7079. 3p. 7078
- Nov. 18 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Peter L. Parsons  
Directions about shipment of recent consignment. Crooks will not be in New York until end of the year. Transportation agency will be changed unless American Transportation Company will assume claims against Treat & Carter. Enclosed in no. 7078 2p. 7079
- Nov. 18 -- Chippewa -- From James Cummings  
Re lottery ticket wanted by a friend. 1p. 7080
- Nov. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Encloses order for cloths, which should leave Liverpool by April 1. L.B.C. 11:100 7081
- Nov. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Will credit draft on account. Encloses bill for robes. Wishes to know price and quantity of Chinese vermillion to be had in Boston. L.B.C. 11:101 7082
- Nov. 18 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Re outfit receipt. Detailed report of returns of the fall fisheries. Completion of warehouse and fish house. Condition of outfit and buildings. 3p. (1840 box) 7083
- Nov. 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs. Enclose duplicate of check. 1p. 7084
- Nov. 18 -- Baltimore -- From E. Block  
Instruction about payment of certain draft. 1p. 7085
- Nov. 18 -- Delhi, New York -- From Erastus Root  
Is highly pleased with fish shipped from Lakes, Fort Brady region. Desires information about this kind of fish. 2p. 7086
- Nov. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Nathaniel Davis, Albany  
Encloses note to collect. L.B.C. 11:102 7087
- Nov. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John Kinnan, New Brunswick, New Jersey  
Re box of trees consigned to Kinnan. L.B.C. 11:103 7088
- Nov. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to N. P. Wells, Johnstown, New York  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 11:104 7089

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Nov. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit

Is extremely anxious to have news of Crooks whose last letter was Oct. 15. Discussion of drafts still unpaid. L.B.G. 11:105-106 7090

Nov. 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss

Have received new supply of beads. Have good stock of Indian goods. Wish to sell Indian guns to the Company. lp. (1840) 7091

Nov. 19 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Hugh McGulloch

Discussion of Ewings' breach of agreement to operate jointly in Fort Wayne district. Introduces Lawrence Sprague, Jr. who will supervize buying on lower Wabash. Wishes to make agreement for funds with his bank and its southern branches. Enclosed in no. 7164. 3p. 7092

Nov. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
St. Louis

Details of accounts and of drafts. Company is apprehensive at lack of letters from Crooks. Stocks and domestic exchange show some improvement. L.B.G. 11:108-110 7093

Nov. 19 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough

Statement of damage on robes examined at request of the Company. lp. 7094

Nov. 19 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons

Re goods forwarded. Gives reason for shipment by New York and Buffalo Line. Expects to be in New York soon. 2p. 7095

Nov. 20 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman

Re matter of payment of certain accounts for and against the Company. lp. (1840) 7096

Nov. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London

Encloses invoices for muskrats shipped. Re discrepancies in account of sales. Last letter from Crooks was dated October 15. L.B.G. 11:107 7097

Nov. 20 -- Green Bay, Wisconsin Territory -- From Samuel Ryan,  
(Trustee, M. E. Church)

Wishes to present matter of bell for the Methodist Church at Green Bay to the consideration of Hon. John Jacob Astor. Details property of the church. Astor gave the Presbyterian church a bell. Methodist Church needs bell badly. If Astor declines giving a bell, Ryan asks Crooks to purchase one. 2p. 7098

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- Nov. 21 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. Exchange on Philadelphia is expected  
to fall again. L.B.C. 11:111 7099
- Nov. 21 -- Utica -- From W. Wheeler  
Draft has been protested as expected. 1p. 7100
- Nov. 23 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Advises insurance of contents of new warehouse at \$30,000.  
Re profits from proposed operations in flour in the East. Sent  
Fort Wayne bank, account of agreement with Ewings. Sprague has  
gone to Wabash with buyers. Benjamin F. Hollister is in the  
Company employ. Standing of Bank of Michigan supposedly good  
when draft arrangements were made. 2p. 7101
- Nov. 23 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler  
Encloses invoices of goods forwarded to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Company for shipment. 1p. 7102
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of proceeds of draft. The Company is extremely  
anxious to hear from Crooks. L.B.C. 11:112 7103
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Report has been received that Crooks had reached Prairie  
du Chien. Has accepted draft. Encloses Lampson's account of  
sales. Re accounts. L.B.C. 11:113-114 7104
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Encloses account of sales received from Lampson. Details  
of anxiety for news of Crooks. L.B.C. 11:115 7105
- Nov. 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Regret that Company's financial affairs are worse. General  
suspension would be preferable. Re arrangement with M.B.  
Menard to purchase skins in Texas. Have forwarded deer skins  
and beaver. 2p. (French) 7106
- Nov. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of difficulties about insurance policies. 1p. 7107
- Nov. 23 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses check on account. Re order for robes but wants  
only good ones. Can find only one case of Chinese vermillion  
in Boston. 2p. 7108

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Nov. 24 -- Boston -- From Otis Homes

Application for employment in store. Is well acquainted with furs. lp.

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Nov. 25 -- Pierry Près Epernay -- From -- Loisson

Has shipped 1200 bottles in one hundred baskets, according to order. Encloses copy of his new labels containing trade mark, quality of wine and firm name. Not expedient to ship half bottles. Details expense of this shipment. Hopes Baraga will be successful in selling wine. 3p. (French)

7110

Nov. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price &amp; Co.

Re accounts. Hope next news from England will be better. Instructions about enclosed drafts. lp.

7111

Nov. 26 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Alexis Bailly

Error in personal accounts with Crooks. Dousman to rectify it. lp.

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Nov. 26 -- Fort Wayne -- Francois Comparet to Brewster

Terms on which he will buy with the Company. Wishes immediate answer. lp. Enclosed in no. 7164.

7113

Nov. 26 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman

Orders sent. List of accounts and items to be credited to Western Outfit. lp. (1840)

7114

Nov. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston

Has shipped robes as directed. L.B.C. 11:116

7115

Nov. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Orr N. Towne, Boston

Has credited check on account. Has forwarded upper Missouri robes as directed. Price of Chinese vermillion in Boston is too high. L.B.C. 11:117

7116

Nov. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis

Details of drafts and accounts. Encloses letters for Pierre Chouteau and Crooks. Is pleased that American vermillion can be substituted for Chinese. L.B.C. 11:118-119

7117

Nov. 26 -- Fort Wayne -- Lawrence Sprague to William Brewster

Ewing's report of Company's bankruptcy is believed in Fort Wayne district. Hollister advised him to stop at all towns on the Wabash as far as Terre Haute. Advises that the Company buy with Comparet. Furey is with him; expects success because of unpopularity of the Ewings. Enclosed in no. 7164. 2p. 7118

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Nov. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit

Details of drafts not paid. Disappointment in remittance made by Brewster is very great. L.B.C. 11:120

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- Nov. 27 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Encloses check to be credited on account of robes. Will  
send more funds when New York currency can be secured. 1p. 7120
- Nov. 27 -- Fort Wayne -- Hugh McCulloch to William Brewster  
Is willing to furnish funds for fur-purchasing operations.  
Enclosed in no. 7164. 2p. 7121
- Nov. 27 -- Fort Wayne -- From Lawrence Sprague, Jr.  
Prospects for fur buying in section are good. 1p. 7122
- Nov. 27 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Note instructions about certain draft. Confirm Lampson's  
account of sales. 1p. (1840) 7123
- Nov. 28 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Ehninger need not get further insurance for warehouse.  
Crooks approves policy of strong opposition in furs. Newberry  
is again in Company's employ. Sends statement of furs received  
in 1838. Awaits settlement of value of raccoons by arrival of  
news from England. 1p. 7124
- Nov. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Hon. Erastus Root,  
Delhi  
Crooks is still absent. Is gratified that Root is highly  
pleased with lake fish. L.B.C. 11:121 7125
- Nov. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallee, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Regrets that quality of robes is not satisfactory. Advises  
that robes be sold for account of the Company. L.B.C. 11:122 7126
- Nov. 28 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Have written Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. about credit arrange-  
ment. Enclose invoice of goods forwarded. Business in manufac-  
turing counties is much depressed; stocks are light. 2p. 7127
- Nov. 28 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Furey sent to Logansport; Sprague south; B. F. Hollister  
to Logan, Shelby and Dark counties; Charles Hollister to Ohio  
River from Montoeville. Cleveland hatters have buyers out. 2p.  
Enclosed in no. 7134. 7128
- Nov. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Desire to know whether certain drafts were received. 1p. 7129
- Nov. 29 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details drafts on E. R. Biddle. L.B.C. 11:123 7130

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Nov. 29 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Otis Homes, Boston  
Crooks is absent from the city. The Company does not  
need any new employees. L.B.O. 11:124 7131

Nov. 29 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs and deer skins. Have re-  
ceived fourteen barrels of fish and will forward them to Oshou-  
teau & Mackenzie. Think lake fish can be sold in New Orleans.  
2p. 7132

Nov. 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
Requests directions in re fire insurance policies of  
Kenneth Mackenzie which expire in December. 1p. 7133

Nov. 30 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
John Hollister (brother of Benjamin F. Hollister) engaged  
as general director of purchasing operations in Ohio and In-  
diana. Is making no advances on skins. Re dishonoring of cer-  
tain bank draft. Encloses nos. 7054 and 7128. 7134

Nov. 30 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John Hollister  
The Company gives Hollister power to exercise his own  
discretion. Agents are to keep daily journal of expenses and  
vouchers. Expenses of buying in 1838 were too high. Asks if  
all districts have their agents. Draft offer of Fort Wayne  
Bank. Will make no deposits on furs. Comparet will operate  
on basis of last year if desired. Some believed Ewing's report  
that the Company had failed. Sprague says the Company will  
get all furs in Wabash country. Enclosed in no. 7189. 3p. 7135

Nov. 30 -- Philadelphia -- From John Ebert & Sons  
Certain boxes have been directed to New York which members  
of Ebert's firm will call for. 1p. 7136

Nov. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter Powell, Phila-  
delphia  
Mackenzie desires his insurance policies renewed. Crooks  
is expected home in December. L.B.O. 11:125 7137

Nov. 30 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Re wood and corn supply for the winter. 1p. (1840 Box). 7138

Nov. 30 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Request letter of credit for amount due from Menard. Men-  
ard leaves December 1, for Galveston. Encloses no. 7034. 2p. 7139

[Dec.] -- -- Petition of W. G. Ewing to Ohio Legislature  
Object of the American Fur Co. to destroy competition in  
furs. Charter gives right to trade only with Indians and people

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beyond white settlements; the Company should be restrained.  
 Recommends levy of \$25,000 annual tax. 1p. Enclosed in no.  
 189. 7140

Dec. 1 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
 Requests Company to examine his accounts as agent for 1839.  
 Encloses statement for Crooks about delays of Company goods on  
 Erie Canal in 1839. [Not enclosed]. Instructions regarding  
 furs and goods forwarded to New York, November 13. 2p. 7141

Dec. 1 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons  
 Will furnish complete statement to the Company re delays  
 in forwarding Company goods. Details of plans to organize new  
 transportation company. Hopes to continue agency for the Com-  
 pany shipments. 3p. 7142

Dec. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill  
 & Co., Liverpool  
 Details of drafts. Expects Crooks to reach home in Decem-  
 ber. L.B.C. 11:126 7143

Dec. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Palmer, Chipping  
 Norton, England  
 Encloses second of bill of exchange as directed by Pratte,  
 Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 11:127 7144

Dec. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London  
 Re drafts drawn. Expects Crooks to reach New York in  
 December. L.B.C. 11:126 7145

Dec. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Cashier of Union Bank,  
 New London  
 Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 11:129 7146

Dec. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
 Philadelphia  
 Discussion of drafts. L.B.C. 11:130 7147

Dec. 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Are returning protested draft. 1p. 7148

Dec. 2 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
 Enclose bill of lading. 1p. (1840) 7149

Dec. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to James Cummings,  
 Chippewa, Canada  
 Re lottery ticket sold before Cummings' request was  
 received. L.B.C. 11:131 7150

Dec. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.,  
 St. Louis  
 Encloses abstract of account. Re papers wanted by insur-  
 ance company. Expects Crooks home soon. L.B.C. 11:132 7151

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- Dec. 3 -- Albany -- From Nathaniel Davis  
Encloses draft for net proceeds of rote collected. 1p. 7152
- Dec. 3 -- Lafayette -- From Lawrence Sprague, Jr.  
Re draft drawn. 1p. 7153
- Dec. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of drafts and notes. Expects Crooks soon. L.B.O. 11:133 7154
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Discussion of drafts. L.B.O. 11:134 7155
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Merle & Co., New Or-  
leans  
Skins have not yet arrived. Details of financial matters.  
Expects Crooks soon. L.B.O. 11:135 7156
- Dec. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter L. Parsons,  
Buffalo  
Has received accounts but has not examined them. Hopes  
Crooks will be pleased with Parsons' superintendence of the  
Company's business. L.B.O. 11:136 7157
- Dec. 5 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Have been authorized by Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to draw  
on them for amount of Company's orders. 1p. (1840) 7158
- Dec. 5 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of purchasing operations of agents and of compe-  
tition. Enclosed in no. 7189. 2p. 7159
- Dec. 5 -- Albany -- From Charles Lyon & Co.  
Are unable to meet note due the Company. Banks refuse to  
discount paper. Offer to transfer other notes to the Company.  
Apologize for not paying for robes. Times are hard. 2p. 7160
- Dec. 6 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses entries against Northern, Western, and St. Mary's  
Outfits. [Not enclosed]. Livingston has been in Mackinac.  
Company has been formed in Cleveland to fish on Lake Superior.  
1p. 7161
- Dec. 6 -- Bank of Utica -- From W. B. Welles (Cashier)  
Re payment of draft. 1p. 7162
- Dec. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of accounts. 1p. 7163



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- Dec. 7 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Bank of Michigan promises payment of next draft. Agent in St. Joseph and Kankakee country has been successful. Has not heard of arrival of fish and furs. Encloses nos. 7092, 7113, 7118, and 7121. 1p. 7164
- Dec. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Brewster, Detroit  
Outlines terms of insurance secured on property in Brewster's warehouse. New York insurance companies have suffered so much that they charge high rates and do not want risks so far away. Will leave the matter for Crooks's decision. Re drafts. Encloses copies of letters from Lampson. L.B.C. 11:137-138. 7165
- Dec. 7 -- Fort Wayne -- Hugh McCulloch to William Brewster  
Thinks Ewings' conduct will ruin them. Hopes Brewster will come to Fort Wayne. It is reported that Crooks has failed. 1p. Enclosed in no. 7203. 7166
- Dec. 7 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for skins. 1p. 7167
- Dec. 7 -- Terre Haute -- Lawrence Sprague, Jr. to William Brewster  
Details of purchasing operations. Enclosed in no. 7241. 1p. 7168
- Dec. 7 -- Terre Haute -- From Lawrence Sprague, Jr.  
Re draft drawn. 1p. 7169
- Dec. 9 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Discussion of delay in sending invoices for stoves; and account of sales for lead. Rolette's furs and skins of 1839 arrived in better condition than in previous years. Has forwarded all peltries suitable for London market. Demand for muskrats has entirely ceased. Expects Crooks soon. L.B.C. 11:139-140 7170
- Dec. 9 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of draft and investment. L.B.C. 11:141 7171
- Dec. 9 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has forwarded part of rifles ordered. 1p. 7172
- Dec. 10 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster, Detroit  
Re information needed for insurance policies. Details of drafts. L.B.C. 11:142 7173

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- Dec. 10 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Discussion of policy regarding funds. Wishes advice  
about buying muskrats. Describes activities of agents. 2p. 7174
- Dec. 10 -- Albany -- From Charles Lyon & Co.  
Details of notes sent to the Company, time due and con-  
ditions of exchange. 1p. 7175
- Dec. 10 -- Chipping Norton, England -- From Samuel Palmer  
Encloses letter to be forwarded to St. Louis. 1p. (1840) 7176
- Dec. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles Lyon & Co.,  
Albany  
Requests payment of account. L.B.C. 11:143 7177
- Dec. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Desire to have remittance made to Throckmorton for account  
of Dousman and Rolette for construction of steam boat. Are pre-  
paring order to be sent to New York. 2p. (French) 7178
- Dec. 11 -- Vincennes -- Lawrence Sprague to William Brewster  
Extent of Ewing activities, prospects for trade and need  
of funds. 2p. Enclosed in no. 7241. 7179
- Dec. 12 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Order for spring goods. 1p. (1840) 7180
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Heywood, Rochester  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 11:144 7181
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Josiah Worth,  
Princeton  
Wishes directions about disposing of fish. L.B.C. 11:145 7182
- Dec. 12 -- Monroeville -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per E. B.  
Perkins)  
Re draft drawn. 1p. 7183
- Dec. 12 -- New London, Connecticut -- From J. C. Sistare  
(Cashier)  
Encloses check in payment of certain account. 1p. 7184
- Dec. 12 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Re package not received in time  
for shipment. 1p. (1840) 7185
- Dec. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Requests Lockwood to receive robes from David Ellis.  
L.B.C. 11:146 7186

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- Dec. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. Will ship furs to Lampson. Expects Crooks soon. L.B.O. 11:147 7187
- Dec. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re shipment of deer skins on new account. Re previous instructions about drafts. Sanford will start East soon. 1p. 7188
- Dec. 14 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Re arrangements for certain draft. Remarks about petition to Ohio legislature drawn by W. G. Ewing. Encloses nos. 7135, 7140, 7159, and 7174. 1p. 7189
- Dec. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to C. M. Lampson, London  
Copies of Lampson's letters have been sent to Company agents in the West. Will give Ewings vigorous opposition. Commercial affairs are much improved. L.B.O. 11:148 7190
- Dec. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of drafts. Has followed Gratiot's directions about certain draft. L.B.O. 11:149 7191
- Dec. 14 -- College Point -- From John Spotswood Garland  
Wishes to come to New York for Christmas. Needs new clothing. 1p. 7192
- Dec. 14 -- Monroeville -- From Charles Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of operations and competition about Marietta, Paris and Cleveland. Left agent at Marietta to attend to southern Ohio and Virginia. Is going to eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Enclosed in no. 7203. 1p. 7193
- Dec. 14 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Benjamin F. Hollister and himself are employed by Brewster, and authorized to draw drafts. 2p. 7194
- Dec. 15 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister to William Brewster  
Detailed report of operations of the Company agents and competitors. Enclosed in no. 7203. 2p. 7195
- Dec. 15 [1] -- New York -- Samuel Colt to David Mitchell  
Has delivered at Company office shotgun, pocket and holster pistols as ordered. Has enclosed directions for using and taking of the respective arms. Enclosed in no. 6868. 1p. 7196
- Dec. 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William B. Welles, Utica  
Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.O. 11:150 7197

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- Dec. 16 -- Lapointe -- Draft of Francois Lemieux to O. W.  
Borup for \$800. 1p. 7198
- Dec. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of checks from Company. 1p. 7199
- Dec. 17 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has not been kept informed of situation in Europe. List  
of accounts sent; remarks on business. Robes are damaged.  
Has great quantity of fish in warehouse. 2p. 7200
- Dec. 17 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.  
Re efforts to get robes from certain person. Very little  
hope of selling robes due to scarcity of money. Banks have  
done no discounting for eight weeks. Cannot make remittance at  
present. Enclose copy of bill rendered for robes just purchas-  
ed. 3p. (1840) 7201
- Dec. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have order for merchandise ready. Sanford is leaving  
via New Orleans. Goods should be delivered early in November.  
1p. (French). 7202
- Dec. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Hopes Crooks has returned. Will himself insure new ware-  
house. John Hollister is an able man. Encloses nos. 7166,  
7193, and 7195. 2p. 7203
- Dec. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
& Co.  
Discussion of Chouteau's arrangement with Michael Menard  
to purchase deer skins. Advises that certain account be held  
until exchange improves. L.B.G. 11:151 7204
- Dec. 18 -- Fort Wayne -- Scott, Iten & Co. and Francois Com-  
paret to William Brewster  
Accepts skin agreement. Re prices to be advanced; will  
probably not need funds from the Company. Wishes to buy high  
priced collections directly for Company. Solicits transpor-  
tation and packing of Company furs. Ewings have drawn on  
Suydam, Sage & Co. Enclosed in no. 7241. 2p. (1840) 7205
- Dec. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose draft to Ehninger to arrange payment with Holbrook.  
1p. 7206
- Dec. 18 -- Mount Carmel -- From Lawrence Sprague, Jr.  
Re draft drawn. 1p. 7207
- Dec. 19 -- Mackinac -- From Michael Dousman  
Recommends Falbert as reliable person who may be trusted  
by Company for goods. 1p. 7208

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- Dec. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ezra S. Hamilton,  
Hartford  
Encloses account current. Requests payment of balance.  
L.B.O. 11:152 7209
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Requests payment of note. L.B.O. 11:153 7210
- Dec. 19 -- St. Louis -- From James A. H. Palmer  
Details of draft enclosed to be collected. 1p. (1840) 7211
- Dec. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Mager supplies blankets at lower rates than Loubat charges.  
Re order for blankets to be delivered early. 1p. (French) 7212
- Dec. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have shipped deer skins. Re drafts. 1p. (1840) 7213
- Dec. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.O. 11:154 7214
- Dec. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Merle & Co., New  
Orleans  
Details of banking difficulties. L.B.O. 11:155 7215
- Dec. 20 -- Lapointe -- Draft of Simon Janvier in favor of C. W.  
Borup for \$200. 1p. 7216
- Dec. 20 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Fishing is closed; Isle Royal post must not be kept up as  
permanent establishment. Will use Isle Royal men at Lapointe  
during the winter. Re plans for fishing business. Will give  
old Cotte management of Ance. Needs capable assistant who can  
manage business when Borup is absent. Order for goods includes  
only what is needed, urges shipment of goods without delay. Re  
directions for engaging coopers. Discussion of accounts. Re  
funds forwarded. (Northern Outfit Letters 1840) 11p. 7217
- Dec. 20 -- Lapointe -- Charles W. Borup to William Brewster  
Re papers sent by McKay. Urges attention to order for sup-  
plies for next year. Bad quality of goods is a dead loss. Corn-  
meal is only wanted for winter consumption. Can supply large  
quantity of fish oil if it is saleable. Re fishing prospects  
for next year. (Northern Outfit Papers 1839). 2p. 7218
- Dec. 20 -- New York -- To Alexis Bailly, Prairie du Chien  
Annexes statement of funds advanced to Bailly. Requests  
that balance be paid to Dousman. L.B.O. 11:157 7219

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- Dec. 21 -- New York -- To Amos Kendall, Washington  
Requests payment of claim due for carrying mail. L.B.O.  
11:156 7220
- Dec. 21 -- New York -- To -- Wesselhoft, Philadelphia  
Has forwarded box for Mrs. Hoffer. L.B.O. 11:158 7221
- Dec. 21 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Re account with Bailly. Discussion of value of western  
funds. Crooks paid to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. all money given  
him by Dousman. Fleming informed Crooks at Washington that he  
could not make a report on Winnebago affairs for ten days. Re  
papers needed in order to make final settlement of old debts  
with J. J. Astor. Astor will want his money the moment the  
government pays the Company. L.B.O. 11:159-161 7222
- Dec. 21 -- Fort Wayne -- From Benjamin F. Hollister  
Re draft drawn. lp. (1840) 7223
- Dec. 21 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Returned December 6. The Company Indians at Red Cedar  
unmolested; had not heard of clash between Winnebagoes and Fox-  
es. Remarks about order for Sioux outfit. Hopes settlement  
of Winnebago claims was favorable. Has taken charge of the  
effects and store of the late Mr. Baker upon request of Chou-  
teau and Mackenzie; Steele to succeed Baker as sutler. Request  
for interposition in favor of Dr. Crow of Galena did not come  
until Council of Administration had acted. Indians of vicinity  
doing nothing; cannot advise of prospects without news from  
interior. Wishes price quotations for furs. 2p. 7224
- Dec. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Sizer, Price & Co.  
Unable to find Holbrook in Philadelphia. Details of items  
in account. lp. 7225
- Dec. 22 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Duplicate of memorandum of spring order for goods. lp.  
(1840) 7226
- Dec. 22 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Requests payment of sum to wife of blacksmith. lp. (1840)  
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- Dec. 23 -- Oswego -- From Bronson & Greker  
Notice that 323 barrels of fish for the Company were  
frozen in at Utica. lp. 7228
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has received remittance on account. L.B.O. 11:162 7229
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Byron Greenough,  
Portland  
Has credited check on account. Is grateful for examina-  
tion of certain robes. L.B.O. 11:163 7230

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- Dec. 23 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Re plans for filling orders. Slight reduction in prices.  
1p. (1840) 7231
- Dec. 23 -- Post of Arkansas -- Notrebe & Wait to Siter, Price  
& Co.  
Re shipment of cotton and its quality. Instructions  
about insurance. Discussion of financial relations with Siter,  
Price & Co. Annex copy of invoice. 3p. 7232
- Dec. 23 -- Pittsburg -- From Joseph Throckmorton  
Re directions from Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. about funds  
for Throckmorton. 1p. 7233
- Dec. 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Re agreement reached with Holbrook. Desires insurance on  
shipment of powder. L.B.C. 11:164 7234
- Dec. 24 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has shipped balance of rifles ordered. Asks for six  
months' note in payment. 1p. 7235
- Dec. 25 -- New York -- To John Farley, U. S. Coast Survey,  
Washington  
Is grateful for map. The Company cannot embark in any new  
enterprise in fishing. L.B.C. 11:165 7236
- Dec. 25 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Has shipped powder via New Orleans. Will give attention  
to order for goods. Difficulties in obtaining insurance for  
Chouteau. L.B.C. 11:166 7237
- Dec. 25 -- Logansport -- From Benjamin F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. 1p. (1840) 7238
- Dec. 25 -- Gloversville -- From John McNab, Jr.  
Encloses payment on note. Details of certain note due  
Company by friend of McNab. 2p. 7239
- Dec. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have decided to accept offer on certain draft. 1p. 7240
- Dec. 26 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Location of new storehouse. Ewing's and Abbott's compe-  
tition is active. Encloses nos. 7168, 7179, and 7205. 1p. 7241
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Crooks's tour of inspection of the Company's most impor-  
tant stations found business satisfactorily managed, especially

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in Lake Superior region. Prospects for collections are good. Treachery of Ewings has again driven Company into competition over whole country between lakes and Ohio river. The Company hopes to obtain full share of skins. Re sale of Rocky Mountain beaver. Thread received is not article wanted. L.B.C. 11:167-169 7242

Dec. 26 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Crooks inspected all the Company's principal posts and found business well conducted. Fisheries show gradual increase. Re shipment of skins being prepared for Lampson. Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 11:170-171 7243

Dec. 26 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh, Ohio  
Is pleased that prospects are encouraging. Expects competition to be violent in 1840. Has honored drafts. Re directions about drafts. Brewster has sole management of the Company's operations in Hollister's region. L.B.C. 11:172-173 7244

Dec. 26 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Schenectady, New York  
The Company desires Parsons to continue as forwarding agent at Buffalo. Accounts are correct and highly satisfactory. L.B.C. 11:174 7245

Dec. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of draft obtained from Holbrook. L.B.C. 11:175 7246

Dec. 26 -- Fort Pleasant, Florida -- From John Garland  
Asks about draft sent to the Company in October. Has been promoted to Lieut. Colonel. Florida war is a great humbug. 2p. 7247

Dec. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. Request Company to make remittance to Ronaud. 1p. (1840) 7248

Dec. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have attended to insurance on powder shipped to New Orleans; unable to obtain satisfactory rates. Ask further directions. 1p. 7249

Dec. 27 -- New York -- To Joseph Throckmorton, Pittsburgh  
Re funds to be supplied to Throckmorton under directions from Pierre Chouteau, Jr. L.B.C. 11:176 7250

Dec. 27 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of sale of beaver. Re receipt of skins in badly damaged condition. Re documents and information wanted by insurance companies. L.B.C. 11:177-178 7251



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- Dec. 27 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for powder. Has not been able to obtain  
all insurance wanted. Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C.  
11:179 7252
- Dec. 27 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re draft drawn. Vessel not to dock until January 1 in  
order to have reduced tariff rates. L.B.C. 11:180 7253
- Dec. 27 -- Frederick -- From John Ebert & Sons  
Re order for deer skins. lp. 7254
- Dec. 27 -- Indianapolis -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Detailed estimate of skins with names of dealers; expects  
to get 40,000 skins. Must have money. Ewings say the Company  
has none. Enclosed in no. 7412. 2p. 7255
- Dec. 27 -- Hartford -- From Ezra S. Hamilton  
Encloses check to be credited on account. lp. 7256
- Dec. 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re draft. lp. (1840) 7257
- Dec. 27 -- Washington -- From the Postoffice Department  
Re enclosed draft. lp. 7258
- Dec. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of checks. lp. 7259
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of insurance arrangements. L.B.C. 11:181 7260
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To -- Perrault, Citizens Bank of Louis-  
iana, New Orleans  
The Company will honor all bills of Merle & Co. to the  
amount of \$12,000. Annexes statement from Flewelling of the  
National Bank. L.B.C. 11:182-183 7261
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Re condition of shipments received. DuPonts have shipped  
powder to New Orleans, which should be forwarded without delay  
to St. Louis. Encloses letter of credit for \$12,000 and Flewel-  
ling's certification of the Company's standing. L.B.C. 11:  
184-185 7262
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To Bronson & Crocker, Oswego, New York  
Re shipment of fish stopped by ice at Utica. L.B.C. 11:  
186 7263
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To Butler, Farwell & Co., Utica  
Wishes to know quantity and condition of fish detained at  
Utica on account of close of navigation. L.B.C. 11:187 7264

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- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses corrected invoice for powder. Has given Merle & Co. letter of credit. L.B.C. 11:188 7265
- Dec. 28 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re shipment of furs via New Orleans. If river remains open, will make further shipment. lp. (1840) 7266
- Dec. 28 -- New Orleans -- Charles F. Notrebe to Siter, Price & Co.  
Details reasons for forwarding cotton to New York to be sold for account of Notrebe & Wait. Requests Siter, Price & Co. to put cotton in hands of responsible agents in New York. Cotton is of very superior quality. Discussion of Notrebe & Wait's notes held by Siter, Price & Co. lp. Enclosed in no. 7375. 7267
- Dec. 29 -- Muskegon -- From William Lasley  
Asks for an offer on his furs. Would like to sell to the Company as he buys goods from the Company. lp. 7268
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Ezra S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 11:189 7269
- Dec. 30 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Re instructions to buy furs for the Company. Asks Crooks to investigate claims of Juneau and of Winnebagoes when he goes to Washington. lp. 7270
- Dec. 30 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Instructions about enclosed draft. lp. 7271
- Dec. 30 -- Terre Haute -- From Lawrence Sprague, Jr.  
Draft drawn. lp. (1840) 7272
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- From W. C. Pickersgill  
Requests payment of \$5000 borrowed recently. lp. 7273
- Dec. 31 -- Utica -- From Butler, Farnwell & Co.  
Lake fish belonging to the Company are at Utica. Cannot be sold. lp. 7274
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To John Ebert & Sons, Frederick, Maryland  
The Company cannot supply deer skins before end of January. L.B.C. 11:190 7275
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. L.B.C. 11:191 7276

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- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Joseph Throckmorton, Pittsburgh  
Annexes copy of previous letter. L.B.C. 11:192 7277
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To John McNab, Jr., Gloversville  
Has credited remittance on note. Ehninger will report  
on case on Delaporte. L.B.C. 11:193 7278
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To David Jones, Green Bay  
The Company will not establish wharf and store house at  
Green Bay. Commercial embarrassments are worse than in 1837.  
L.B.C. 11:194 7279
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Damaged skins have been sold for account of underwriters.  
Details of sale of beaver, probably at better prices than could  
be obtained in Europe. Lampson expects good spring sales.  
L.B.C. 11:195 7280
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Expects Sanford to assist in filling order for goods.  
Shipment of peltries has arrived. Will give attention to all  
directions about goods. L.B.C. 11:196 7281
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Will examine Detroit Department papers as soon as possible.  
The Company has waived claim against insurance company for dam-  
age on deer skins. Detroit banks have behaved shamefully re  
drafts sent by Brewster to the Company. Details about fish de-  
tained at Utica on account of ice. Crooks will be very greatly  
mortified if the Company does not gain decisive victory over  
the faithless Ewings, but in destroying them, the Company must  
not kill itself. Discussion of plan to be followed by traders  
in drawing drafts. Petition of the Ewings to the Ohio legisla-  
ture is a curiosity. Opponents must be responsible for report  
of "R. Crooks bankruptcy". Advises prosecution at once if  
this malicious report can be traced to the Ewings. Encloses  
copy of letters from Lampson and account of sales of deer skins.  
Encloses statement of Hudson's Bay Company's importations of  
1839, which are larger than in 1838. Hudson's Bay Company have  
enough lynx and muskrats to ruin the market. 1839 has been  
worse year than 1837; 1840 will be no better. The Company's  
funds can be invested only in legitimate business. Annexes  
memoranda of drafts. L.B.C. 11:197-201 7282
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Satterlee Clark, Fort Winnebago  
Existing agreement with Western Outfit has been continued  
until 1841. Sibley did not wish to retire. L.B.C. 11:202 7283
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Has directed Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to accept Outler's  
bills for goods. L.B.C. 11:203 7284

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- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re large shipment of peltries for Lampson. Details of drafts drawn. Re bills of Outler and of Henry & Co. to be honored. Requests goods at earlier date if possible than that specified in order. L.B.C. 11:204-205 7285
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Details of account of sales. Advises sale of inferior deer skins and minks. Discussion of Hudson's Bay Company's large importations of 1839. Encloses invoices for furs and skins. Advises sales even at low prices, in order to have clear market for new crop. L.B.C. 11:206-208 7286
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Is pleased that request about cloths will be settled satisfactorily. Requests early shipment of goods. L.B.C. 11:209 7287
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To T. Hartley Crawford, Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Discussion of Chippewa certificates sent to Crawford. L.B.C. 11:210 7288
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Charles J. Mourse, Washington  
Directions for collecting from Treasury funds for Chippewa certificates. Desires payment in New York funds. Annexes memoranda of certificates. L.B.C. 11:211-212 7289
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Only part of rifles have arrived. Will make payment as requested. L.B.C. 11:213 7290
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To -- Loisson, Pierry, France  
Will forward letter to Baraga. Shipment of wine for benefit of Indian mission has arrived. Hopes to sell wine as soon as times improve. Re amount of charges on shipment. L.B.C. 11:214 7291
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Is gratified that supplies arrived in good time. Approves Borup's plan of bringing from Isle Royale workmen to winter at Lapointe. Grand Portage post must be maintained at small expense. Orders to Davenport re wharf are correct. Crooks reported again to Poinsett the case of Berthkeht. Is pleased that McKay remained at Lapointe to complete reports. Details of drafts. Certificates under Chippewa treaty are not yet collected. Effort to introduce lake fish in New York market has not been successful. Products of ocean are preferred to those of lakes. Discussion of decrease in demand for fish and need to maintain prices. Expects Gov. Dodge to appoint Borup a notary. Discussion of blunder in delivering goods to Chippewa mills. Encloses agreement with Borup and with Oakes. General business of country is very bad. Furs and skins in general maintain their value in Europe. L.B.C. 11:215-221 7292

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Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Frederick Baraga, Lapointe  
Encloses letter from Loisson who has sent wine to be  
sold for benefit of Baraga's mission. Re difficulties in  
selling wine. L.B.C. 11:222

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Dec. 31 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose abstract of account current for the last six  
months showing a balance in favor of Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co. During 1839, value of money was unprecedentedly high in  
England, hence account has been made at 6 per cent instead  
of 5 per cent. Lampson has approved the change. lp. (1840)

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Jan. -- -- Copy of Indiana Bill against the American Fur Company introduced into Senate by George W. Ewing.

A bill to prohibit the American Fur Company from banking in this state and for other purposes. Introduced January, 1840, passed February 3, sent to the House February 4, and referred to the Judiciary Committee. 2p. 7295

Jan. 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Discussion of drafts collected and to be collected. 1p. 7296

Jan. 2 -- Fond du Lac -- From Charles H. Oakes

Fishing did not prove so successful. Established but few fisheries, had eight boats. By November 20, had put up 400 barrels of trout. Attempted to take white fish at entry, but had slight success. Prospects for fur trade are favorable. Indians appear reconciled to present system of trade. Indians at Leech Lake never known to be so peaceful and industrious as at present. Describes success of traders at the posts. Re opposition of Aitken. Did not bring in sufficient goods last fall for the trade; must bring more from Lapointe during the winter. Re building constructed at the entry last fall. Advises that in best interests of the Company, Indian payment should be made on Lake Superior. 3p. 7297

Jan. 3 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Arrangements for drafts, from Fort Wayne Bank. Details of contract with William F. Gooding to buy furs in Canada. Competition is hot. The Company agents have bought collections on which Ewings and Abbott have made deposits. Much money needed to carry out plans. Furs are plentiful. Thinks Abbott is only agent Hoette has. Juneau can buy more cheaply if he pays in New York drafts; wishes instructions. 3p. 7298

Jan. 3 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works

Has received remainder of rifles ordered. Encloses note in payment. Details kind of books wanted on Lancaster rifles. L.B.C. 11:231 7299

Jan. 3 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster

Abbott's primary purpose is to annoy the Company, not to buy. Details of operations of agents under him. Enclosed in no. 7412. 2p. 7300

Jan. 3 -- Noblesville -- Bicknel Cole to William Brewster

Wishes agent to be sent to him without knowledge of his partner to confer about an arrangement with the Company. Enclosed in no. 7586. 1p. 7301

Jan. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Re drafts. 1p. (French) 7302

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- Jan. 4 -- Philadelphia -- From H. Bromley  
Due to financial embarrassment, Bromley requests extension of time on his payments due the Company. lp. 7303
- Jan. 4 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 11:232 7304
- Jan. 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has accepted drafts. Loubat does not think order for blankets can be filled in time specified. Encloses abstract of account. L.B.C. 11:233 7305
- Jan. 4 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Has received inventories of the Western Outfit but no other papers. Details of accounts. Crooks met Nicollet at St. Louis and received certificates under Winnebago treaty. Fleming's report is not yet submitted. Details of Hudson's Bay Company's importations of 1839. Lead is very abundant and little in demand. Annexes list of certificates received from Dousman, which were granted by Cameron & Murray in 1838. L.B.C. 11:234-236 7306
- Jan. 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles de Montholon  
Re chest of merchandise in Crooks's store belonging to Mrs. Chouteau. Wishes to have it forwarded. Duty must be paid to French consul. 2p. (French) 7307
- Jan. 4 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 7308
- Jan. 4 -- Johnstown, New York -- From N. P. Wells (Cashier)  
Encloses check and draft in payment of note. Cannot draw on New York. lp. 7309
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To H. Bromley, Philadelphia  
Discussion of Bromley's request for more time on note. Has directed Siter, Price & Co. to arrange business with Bromley. L.B.C. 11:237-238 7310
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re Bromley's inability to pay note. Details of conditions that may be granted to Bromley. L.B.C. 11:239 7311
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- George Ehninger to N. P. Wells, Johnstown, New York  
Discussion of note to be collected. L.B.C. 11:240 7312
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Charles de Montholon, Philadelphia  
Details about packages directed to be sent to Philadelphia. Wine received was not in good order. L.B.C. 11:241 7313

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- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
 Details of accounts. Goods have arrived in port. Discussion of length of pieces of cloth wanted by the Company. Encloses order for blankets. If blankets prove satisfactory, the Company will buy English instead of French blankets. L.B.C. 11:242-243 7314
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
 Has received invoices for goods, which have arrived in port. L.B.C. 11:244 7315
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Times have been worse than in 1837. Regrets that Center has vented his disappointment re Lampson's fall sales. The Company attaches no blame to Lampson. Re directions for shipping lines and twines. Time when guns should be delivered. Reports from interior are encouraging. Has drawn draft on Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. Expects large claim against the government to be paid soon. L.B.C. 11:245-247 7316
- Jan. 6 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Details of accounts with Henry & Co. and Cutler. Has ordered blankets from Henry & Co. Will ship unsaleable muskrats to Lampson, Annexes list of drafts drawn. L.B.C. 11:248-249 7317
- Jan. 6 -- Fort Wayne -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per Furey)  
 Draft drawn. lp. 7318
- Jan. 6 -- Fort Wayne -- Benjamin F. Hollister to William Brewster  
 Details of purchasing operations. Enclosed in no. 7412. 7319
- Jan. 6 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
 Re furs and skins forwarded. Hope letter of credit will arrive soon as Menard is drawing on Merle & Co. lp. 7320
- Jan. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles de Montholon  
 Error in delivering cases of French goods to certain persons. lp. (French) 7321
- Jan. 6 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
 Will not know for several days whether there will be difficulty about claim. lp. 7322
- Jan. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
 Re payment to be made to James Wood. lp. 7323
- Jan. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Wish to know if certain drafts were received. lp. 7324



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- Jan. 6 -- New York -- From Swift & Nichols  
Discussion of financial status of firm. lp. 7325
- Jan. 6 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Inquires about note which he wishes to pay. lp. 7326
- Jan. 7 -- New York -- From Cammann, Whitehouse & Co.  
Offer funds to the Company. lp. 7327
- Jan. 7 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Will accept payment of note at any time. L.B.C. 11:250  
7328
- Jan. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John McNab, Glovers-  
ville  
Discussion of notes remitted by McNab. L.B.C. 11:251 7329
- Jan. 7 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 11:252 7330
- Jan. 7 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Annexes account with Northern Outfit in their favor.  
Sioux outfit account enclosed. Memorandum of what Sibley needs  
for Sioux spring outfit. lp. 7331
- Jan. 7 -- London, Canada -- From William F. Gooding  
Draft drawn. lp. 7332
- Jan. 7 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has received note in payment of account. Has ample supply  
of rifle locks on hand. lp. 7333
- Jan. 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion of efforts to collect from Bromley. Bromley  
is not reliable. lp. 7334
- Jan. 8 -- New York -- To Charles de Montholon, Philadelphia  
Has forwarded package as directed. L.B.C. 11:254 7335
- Jan. 8 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Approves of action in case of Bromley. L.B.C. 11:253 7336
- Jan. 8 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Details of kind of blanket that Loubat offers. Will await  
Sanford's opinion on blankets. Has ordered blankets from Eng-  
land which Loubat could not supply at specified date. Discus-  
sion of delay in receiving goods from France. Goods from Eng-  
land will be forwarded. Dissatisfaction among buyers re quality  
of robes. Unless robes are carefully packed, all confidence  
will be destroyed. L.B.C. 11:255-257 7337
- Jan. 8 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Has credited check on account. Annexes copy of account.

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Regrets that quality of robes is not satisfactory. The Company has no authority to make any allowance except for damage.  
L.B.C. 11:258 7338

Jan. 8 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Crooks expected Knowers' account to be paid by the end of 1839. Annexes statement of account and memoranda of bill for robes. L.B.C. 11:259 7339

Jan. 8 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Crooks has great confidence in John Hollister's ability as a trader; is doubtful about Sprague. Van Winkle & White expect to make larger collection than in 1839. Advises no competition with them if they keep on their own legitimate ground. Chouteau promised to counteract designs of the Ewings on frontiers of the Missouri. Re sale of raccoons made by Lampson. Details of heavy payments that must be met by the Company. Discussion of financial arrangements to be made by Brewster and his buyers. Cannot find market for fish. Expects McKay to arrive from Lake Superior soon. Annexes memoranda of drafts. L.B.C. 11:260-262 7340

Jan. 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Are unable to secure any satisfaction from Bromley. Have given case to notary. Re enclosed drafts. lp. 7341

Jan. 9 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Company approves action in case of Bromley. Details of drafts. L.B.C. 11:263 7342

Jan. 9 -- New York -- George Ehninger to N. P. Wells, Johnstown New York  
Has received draft. Prefers drafts on New York. L.B.C. 11:264 7343

Jan. 9 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Encloses duplicate of order for blankets. L.B.C. 11:265 7344

Jan. 9 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses bill of lading for deer skins and muskrats. Firm of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. has been dissolved, due to the death of Pratte. New firm formed in 1839 has title of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. Has fewer Indian handled deer skins due to inroads of whites. Desires that all muskrats be sold at any price. L.B.C. 11:267-268 7345

Jan. 9 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re shipment for Lampson. Has advised Lampson to sell all peltries at early date. Desires clear market for next crop. L.B.C. 11:266 7346

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- Jan. 9 -- New York -- From Kissam, Jacot & Co.  
Enclose invoice for axes, etc. Ask for three months  
note in payment. lp. 7347
- Jan. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Sire has gone to Galena to purchase lead. Re drafts. lp. 7348
- Jan. 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Are always uncertain about Western drafts until they are  
paid. Re enclosed drafts. lp. 7349
- Jan. 10 -- Philadelphia -- From H. Bromley  
Discussion of Bromley's plans and intentions, and of ac-  
tion of Price which Bromley considers very unfair. lp. 7350
- Jan. 10 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Approves action in case of Bromley. Encloses draft. L.B.  
O. 11:269 7351
- Jan. 10 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Discussion of plans of payment, while financial situation  
is so bad. lp. 7352
- Jan. 10 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Enclosure of accounts and order for books. Details of  
procedure of a rival company then taking a vessel up the Per-  
tage to Lake Superior and intending to hire fishermen at La-  
pointe. lp. 7353
- Jan. 10 -- New Hope -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Requests Company to support Farribault's claim for \$12,000  
in Congress. It is reported that Major Taliaferro will not be  
Indian agent. Private order for shirts and books. Uneasy  
about Indians left at Red Cedar. lp. 7354
- Jan. 10 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Gives instructions about enclosed drafts. lp. 7355
- Jan. 10 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re drafts. Will comply with instructions about buffalo  
robes. Business very dull. Additional complaint about buf-  
falo robes. 3p. 7356
- Jan. 11 -- New York -- To -- Lee, Bank of Buffalo  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 11:270 7357
- Jan. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. L.B.O. 11:271 7358

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- Jan. 11 -- New York -- To Joseph Throckmorton, Pittsburgh  
Details of plans for making payment to Throckmorton. L.B.O.  
11:\$72 7359
- Jan. 11 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dougman, Prairie du Chien  
Fleming is in New York on his way to Washington; will lay  
his report before the War Department without delay. Re condi-  
tion of lead market. L.B.O. 11:273 7360
- Jan. 11 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Desires list of prices that Brewster has authorized his  
agents to pay for furs and skins. Fears competition will drive  
prices up to hazardous rates. Re terms on which Juneau may  
draw on the Company. Sprague seems unaware of scarcity of  
money. The Company never was so poor. Requests Brewster to  
remit funds received under Saginaw treaty. L.B.O. 11:274-275  
7361
- Jan. 11 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Discussion of need for strict attention to packing of robes.  
The Company has had many claims for allowance, due to careless  
packing. Sanford has not reached New York. French blankets  
have not arrived. Encloses draft dishonored by General Ewing  
to be given to Kittson. L.B.O. 11:276-277 7362
- Jan. 11 -- New York -- To John Garland, Tallahassee  
Re poor mail facilities to the South. Encloses copy of  
account. L.B.O. 11:278 7363
- Jan. 11 -- New York -- To H. Bromley, Philadelphia  
Details Crooks's displeasure at Bromley's failure to pay  
the note. L.B.O. 11:279 7364
- Jan. 11 -- Burlington -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Benjamin F. Hollister has gone to Vincennes. Details of  
operations of Furey's agents. Enclosed in no. 7455. 1p. 7365
- Jan. 11 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Details of draft drawn to be debited to the Chouteaus. 1p.  
7366
- Jan. 11 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have placed Bromley's note in the hands of a collector.  
1p. 7367
- Jan. 13 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. L.B.O. 11:280 7368
- Jan. 13 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re inferior deer skins recently shipped. Details of draft.  
L.B.O. 11:281 7369

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- Jan. 13 -- Logansport -- N. D. Grover to William Brewster  
Must pay high prices to compete with the Ewings; will make them pay more than the value of the skins. Handling of skins improved. Wage paid his agent. Has \$3,000 worth of skins; more are coming in. Enclosed in no. 7412. 2p. 7370
- Jan. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Details drafts drawn. Discussion of insurance affairs. Details of accounts. 2p. 7371
- Jan. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Are pleased that the Company has occasional sales of beaver. Intercourse with New Orleans has been stopped for a month. 1p. 7372
- Jan. 13 -- Vevay -- F. S. Lindley to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Part of deer skins are tanned; others are not worth tanning. Wishes directions. 1p. Enclosed in no. 7500. 7373
- Jan. 13 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.  
Enclose draft. Difficulties in making collections. Extreme scarcity of money. Any money that can be collected is such trash that it cannot be used to pay debts without a heavy loss. 1p. 7374
- Jan. 13 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for cotton shipped from New Orleans to New York. Instructions about cotton. Enclosed no. 7267. 1p. 7375
- Jan. 13 -- South Bend -- Lathrop M. Taylor to William Brewster  
Details operations and collection. Species still scarce. Will send muskrats to the Company in return for an advance of money. Enclosed in no. 7426. 2p. 7376
- Jan. 14 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Encloses note in payment of account. Details looks for rifles. L.B.O. 11:282 7377
- Jan. 14 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
McKay has not yet arrived. The Company is anxious to receive Borup's papers sent with McKay. Cleveland North Western Lake Company has been formed at Cleveland, whose object is not only fisheries but trade in general. Details other competitors. L.B.O. 11:283-284 7378
- Jan. 14 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has received bill of lading for cotton. Will give attention to sale of cotton. L.B.O. 11:285 7379
- Jan. 14 -- Indianapolis -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Drafts drawn. Enclosed in no. 7455. 1p. 7380

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- Jan. 14 -- Indianapolis -- John Furey to Brewster  
Thinks he will get the 40,000 skins. Enclosed in no.  
7455. lp. 7381
- Jan. 14 -- Indianapolis -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per  
Furey)  
Drafts drawn. lp. 7382
- Jan. 14 -- Albany -- From Charles Lyon & Co.  
Discussion of difficulties in obtaining money. Have  
money in banks in western New York but unable to get it. Mr.  
Lyon has left for West, for the purpose of receiving money col-  
lected. Hope to make remittances to the Company by February  
1. Ask for copy of account current. lp. 7383
- Jan. 14 -- St. Joseph -- T. E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Described activities of himself and men under him. Might  
be better to arrange for Grand River Outfit funds at branch  
bank in Kalamazoo. 2p. Enclosed in no. 7426. 7384
- Jan. 15 -- Michilimackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Order for English goods. [Not enclosed]. Requests lists  
of prices to be paid for furs and skins. lp. 7385
- Jan. 15 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Directions from Chouteau concerning funds. L.B.O. 11:286  
7386
- Jan. 15 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Re accounts. Discussion of robes returned by Ellis to  
Lockwood. L.B.O. 11:287 7387
- Jan. 15 -- New York -- To William F. Gooding, Goderick, Canada  
Will honor drafts. The Company agents have charge of all  
directions for department business. L.B.O. 11:288 7388
- Jan. 15 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
List of safe prices to pay for various skins. Directions  
about funds for Juneau. Traders' claims under Winnebago treaty  
may be paid. L.B.O. 11:289 7389
- Jan. 15 -- Frederick -- From John Ebert & Sons  
The Company may forward skins as early as possible. lp.  
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- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To James A. H. Palmer, St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Encloses letter from Samuel Palmer.  
L.B.O. 11:290 7391
- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has authorized Ronaud to draw on Philadelphia for funds.  
L.B.O. 11:291 7392

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- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To Charles Lyon & Co., Albany  
Details of accounts. Has not received any payment for robes from Van Tine. The Company was never poorer. L.B.O. 11:292 7393
- Jan. 16 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Regrets that quality of robes is not satisfactory and that prospects for sales are poor. L.B.O. 11:293 7394
- Jan. 16 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover  
Drafts drawn. 1p. 7395
- Jan. 16 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has received note in payment for rifles. 1p. 7396
- Jan. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re skins shipped. 1p. 7397
- Jan. 16 -- Pittsburgh -- From Joseph Throckmorton  
Drafts on New York will not command premium in Pittsburgh. Suggests that remittance be sent in sight draft on Philadelphia. 1p. 7398
- Jan. 17 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Has received Eugene Van Ness's check on the cashier of the Bank of America, New York. 1p. 7399
- Jan. 17 -- New York -- To Charles Lyon & Co., Albany  
Re Van Tine's statement about paying note. L.B.O. 11:294 7400
- Jan. 17 -- Godrich, Canada -- William F. Gooding to William Brewster  
Details of fur and skin-purchasing operations; competition is high; has to pay New York prices often. Enclosed in no. 7538. 1p. 7401
- Jan. 17 -- Indianapolis -- From N. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. 1p. 7402
- Jan. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re draft drawn. Have received abstract of account for December 1. 1p. 7403
- Jan. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re drafts collected. L.B.O. 11:295 7404
- Jan. 18 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Requests that aid be given Mrs. Greivé. L.B.O. 11:296 7405

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- Jan. 18 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Will send letter to J. L. Beaudrie, son-in-law of Vallée,  
who goes to London to purchase supplies. L.B.C. 11:297 7406
- Jan. 18 -- New York -- To J. L. Beaudrie, London  
Details of bills drawn. L.B.C. 11:298 7407
- Jan. 18 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Will forward bale of twine. L.B.C. 11:299 7408
- Jan. 18 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re papers that should accompany all shipments. Contracts  
made by Lampson for all lines and twines is very favorable.  
Re order for twine. L.B.C. 11:300-302 7409
- Jan. 18 -- Goderich -- From William F. Gooding  
Has negotiated bills of exchange. 1p. 7410
- Jan. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Will forward consignment of lead. Re sums owing to Suy-  
dam, Sage & Co. Money and exchange are badly deranged. Legis-  
lature of Illinois is tinkering with their State Bank; little  
else for currency but Illinois money. Company consignment of  
fish has arrived at mouth of the Ohio. Draft on Indian Depart-  
ment is to be collected by Sanford and proceeds sent to the  
Company. 2p. 7411
- Jan. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Encloses nos. 7255, 7300, 7319, and 7370. 1p. 7412
- Jan. 18 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Encloses check to be credited on account. Complains about  
inferior robes. 2p. 7413
- Jan. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Request that certain payment be made to Nidelet. Re  
drafts. 1p. 7414
- Jan. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Annex copy of letter from Notrebe & Wait re cotton. 1p. 7415
- Jan. 18 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Encloses bill of lading. Have protected drafts drawn by  
the Company. Are pleased to hear Crooks's report on prosper-  
ous condition of the Company establishments. 1p. 7416
- Jan. 19 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Supplementary memorandum for spring order for the Western  
Outfit. 1p. 7417
- Jan. 20 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Consignment of cotton has not arrived. Re funds to be  
paid Ronaud. L.B.C. 11:303 7418



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- Jan. 20 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Beaudrie has departed for Liverpool. L.B.C. 11:305 7419
- Jan. 20 — Sheffield — From Hiram Outler  
Encloses invoice for remainder of goods ordered. lp. 7420
- Jan. 20 — Pittsburgh — From Francis Ronaud  
Has drawn draft on Siter, Price & Company as directed by Crooks. Re complaints about taking depreciated money to replace sums advanced in sound money. lp. 7421
- Jan. 20 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion about Bromley's case. Enclose note for collection. lp. 7422
- Jan. 21 — New York — George Ehninger to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Requests payment of notes. L.B.C. 11:306 7423
- Jan. 21 — New York — To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Wishes information about payment of account. L.B.C. 11:307 7424
- Jan. 21 — Portage, Wisconsin — From Jean DuBay  
Re arrangement with Rolette and Dousman which terminates in June. Wishes to have charge of posts for the Company. Has close acquaintance with region. Wishes directions about supplies. 3p. 7425
- Jan. 21 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Favors selling all furs at spring sale; new crop will be ample for future sales. Hopes Crooks will try to sell fish shipped in 1839. Will get funds in St. Louis if Indiana banks will not give better terms. Inquires about prospects for deer and muskrats. Sprague ordered to return from Wabash for offending agents. Competition with the Northern Department will be lessened if Chouteau is easy with competitors. Gratified by prospects for raccoons. The Company must supply agents with funds. Phelps is buying in western Michigan. Prospects for complete monopoly are good; wishes to resign if the Company is not successful. Details of prices he offers. Messrs. Williams have not treated the Company fairly in Saginaw treaty matter. George Hunt buying for the Swings. Encloses nos. 7376, 7384, and 7427. 4p. 7426
- Jan. 21 — Detroit — William Brewster to L. M. Taylor  
Does not agree that Taylor's collection amounts to \$2,000. Will send advance on muskrats although money is scarce. Enclosed in no. 7426. 2p. 7427
- Jan. 21 — Vincennes — Benjamin F. Hollister to William Brewster  
Wishes Spafford to be given power to draw on the Company. Sprague returns to Detroit January 22. Enclosed in no. 7559. lp. 7428

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- Jan. 21 -- Vincennes -- From Benjamin F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. lp. 7429
- Jan. 21 -- Schenectady, N. Y. -- From Peter L. Parsons  
Has talked to Niles re assumption by American Transportation Company of account with Treat & Carter; thinks Niles will consider the claim. Has completed plans for engaging in storage and forwarding business. May act as agent for several lines of vessels. 3p. 7430
- Jan. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. Regret complaints about robes. Returns this season have been very inferior. lp. 7431
- Jan. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Proposals about remitting to Ronaud. lp. 7432
- Jan. 21 -- Vincennes -- James M. Spafford to William Brewster  
Can get funds with necessary papers. Has \$15,000 worth of furs and expects to get \$40,000 worth. Ewings' competition is weak. Enclosed in no. 7559. lp. 7433
- Jan. 21 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have confirmed Company's letters to A. & S. Henry & Co. and to Hiram Cutler authorizing them to draw on Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. for the amount of their shipment to the Company. lp. 7434
- Jan. 22 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of purchasing operations of buyers and competitors. 2p. 7435
- Jan. 22 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
The Company is grateful for attention to case of Bromley. Will make remittance for note. L.B.C. 11:308 7436
- Jan. 22 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts and drafts. Webster is unable to make payment. Requests instructions of what to do re Webster's debts. Complaints of quality of Pratte, Chouteau & Company are pouring in. Sanford has reached New York. L.B.C. 11:309-310 7437
- Jan. 22 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 11:311 7438
- Jan. 22 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Statement of accounts received. Details of relations with Van Winkle & Randall and of credit on robes. lp. 7439
- Jan. 22 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose Treasury notes to be used in paying duties on goods from Burgundy. lp. 7440

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- Jan. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John Heywood, Rochester  
Requests return of protested note. L.B.C. 11:312 7441
- Jan. 23 -- New York -- To J. Winne, Albany  
Requests payment of enclosed draft. L.B.C. 11:313 7442
- Jan. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to N. P. Wells, Johnstown, New York  
Re directions about note not paid. L.B.C. 11:314 7443
- Jan. 23 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will collect Treasury notes. Cotton has arrived in port. L.B.C. 11:315 7444
- Jan. 23 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re Kendall's new arrangements for delivery of mail from South and West. Requests certain bill to be paid at Pittsburgh. L.B.C. 11:316 7445
- Jan. 23 -- New York -- To James Wood, Pittsburgh  
Has directed Siter, Price & Co. to pay bill due Wood by Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. L.B.C. 11:317 7446
- Jan. 23 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry  
Re changes in filling orders. Encloses invoice for goods forwarded. 2p. 7447
- Jan. 23 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details re payment of notes. Attempt to sell robes unsuccessful. lp. 7448
- Jan. 23 -- St. Louis -- From Wales, Nelson & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 7449
- Jan. 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. Approve of the Company's sale of Sioux beaver. Have no news from Sanford. lp. 7450
- Jan. 24 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Discussion of prices likely to prevail in 1840 for various skins. Wishes to know about collections in northeastern states. Will adjust prices for robes when Greenough is in New York. Entire crop of robes is inferior. L.B.C. 11:318-320 7451
- Jan. 24 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Discussion of accounts for robes, and terms of payment. L.B.C. 11:321 7452
- Jan. 24 -- Rochester, New York -- From John Heywood  
Encloses Benjamin's note with certificate of protest. Benjamin left for Michigan in November. Protest has been charged to S. A. Halsey. lp. 7453

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- Jan. 24 -- Montreal -- From J. L. Beaudry & Co.  
Re directions for purchase of bill of exchange on London,  
lp. 7454
- Jan. 25 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Information about persons mentioned in enclosed letters.  
Will instruct buyers to draw as lightly as possible on the  
Company. Encloses nos. 7365, 7380, 7381, and 7435. lp. 7455
- Jan. 25 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Discussion of financial relations with Guydam, Sage & Co.  
Annex list of articles to be purchased. 2p. 7456
- Jan. 25 -- New York -- To Joseph Throckmorton, Pittsburgh  
Details re enclosed draft. L.B.O. 11:322 7457
- Jan. 25 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St.  
Louis  
Regrets Sire's plans to invest in lead, as market is over-  
stocked. Details of accounts. Encloses insurance policy for  
merchandise in Chouteau's store. Has shipped French blankets  
and English goods. Encloses complaints of Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
and of Greenough re funds. More care must be exercised in  
packing robes. L.B.O. 11:323-325 7458
- Jan. 25 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts and directions about funds. L.B.O.  
11:326 7459
- Jan. 25 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Details of accounts. Encloses bill of lading for merchan-  
dise to be forwarded to St. Louis. Shipments must be placed  
on safe boats. Re insurance on goods. L.B.O. 11:327-328 7460
- Jan. 25 -- Indianapolis -- From Benjamin F. Hollister  
Draft drawn. lp. 7461
- Jan. 25 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Re drafts drawn on New York to pay for furs. Drafts on  
Detroit not acceptable to traders. Prospects for spring trade  
good. lp. 7462
- Jan. 25 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau to William Brew-  
ster  
Details of operations. 2p. Enclosed in no. 7538. 7463
- Jan. 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have drawn drafts. Have no news from Sanford. lp. 7464
- Jan. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Directions about funds. lp. 7465

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- Jan. 25 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft to pay certain note. Discussion of difficulties about this note. lp. 7466
- Jan. 26 -- College Point -- From John Spotswood Garland  
Asks for prayer book with large print. lp. 7467
- Jan. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles de Montholon  
Re personal accounts. Sorry wine is not keeping well. 2p. 7468
- Jan. 26 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Joseph Rolette  
Payment of claims to Broadhurst. Indian attitude toward payment of claims and moving West. Asks fur prices. lp. 7469
- Jan. 27 -- New York -- To Rankin, Duryee & Co., Newark  
Re payment of certain note. L.B.C. 11:329 7470
- Jan. 27 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Peltries have arrived in good order. Encloses duplicate bill of lading. L.B.C. 11:329 1/2 7471
- Jan. 27 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Is grateful for attention to remittances. Re accounts. L.B.C. 11:330 7472
- Jan. 27 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re accounts. Discussion of robes shipped by Ehninger to Vallee, Boyer & Co., and dissatisfaction in re prices and quality. The Company desires to sell entire collection of robes in hands of Vallee, Boyer & Co. Encloses account current. Re rates of exchange on England. L.B.C. 11:331-333 7473
- Jan. 27 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister to William Brewster  
Details operations of agents. Charles Hollister has gone East buying as far as Virginia. Enclosed in no. 7482. lp. 7474
- Jan. 27 -- Ogdensburgh, New York -- From Charles Lyon  
Certain person has refused to pay note due for robes. Discussion of previous financial arrangements. Money very scarce. 4p. 7475
- Jan. 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Will forward to Sibley draft for Kittson. Will follow directions in packing robes. New warehouse will afford greater facilities for packing. lp. 7476
- Jan. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Has purchased part of beads wanted; others not obtainable. Statement of kinds and prices. Vermillion from Trieste can be procured. Will proceed to Washington, January 24 [?] 2p. 7477
- Jan. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details financial arrangements. lp. 7478

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- Jan. 27 -- New York -- From Swift & Nichols  
Discussion of present financial embarrassment of firm.  
lp. 7479
- Jan. 27 -- Johnstown -- From N. P. Wells, (Cashier)  
Welch is unable to pay his note. lp. 7480
- Jan. 27 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Details sum due Henry firm.  
Drafts of Butler have been accepted. lp. 7481
- Jan. 28 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
McKay is on his way to New York. Fisheries and fur buying at Lapointe are very successful. Is sending samples of soap (with prices) from Detroit factories by McKay to see if Borup's order cannot be filled in Detroit. Encloses no. 7474.  
lp. 7482
- Jan. 28 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Re enclosed note. L.B.C. 11:334 7483
- Jan. 28 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has obtained payment on damaged skins. Re payment made to Ronaud. L.B.C. 11:335 7484
- Jan. 28 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Regrets that mode of payment was not satisfactory to Ronaud. Has referred the matter to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
L.B.C. 11:336 7485
- Jan. 28 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. Henry Chouteau has gone to Boston.  
Re order for Turkey red handkerchiefs. L.B.C. 11:337 7486
- Jan. 28 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Pilcher will meet Sanford at Washington. Shipments have arrived in good order. Prospects for common deer skins are gloomy. Will forward French blankets and domestic merchandise. L.B.C. 11:338-339 7487
- Jan. 28 -- New York -- To Henry Chouteau, Boston  
Annexes draft. L.B.C. 11:340 7488
- Jan. 28 -- New York -- To the B. & O. Railroad Company, Baltimore  
Annexes bill of lading for deer skins to be forwarded to Ebert & Sons. L.B.C. 11:341 7489
- Jan. 28 -- New York -- To Ebert & Sons, Frederick  
Has shipped deer skins as directed. Discussion of quality of skins and prices. L.B.C. 11:342-343 7490

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- Jan. 28 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler  
Has received payment for goods. lp. 7491
- Jan. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Annex bill for beads purchased by Sanford. Expect large supply of beads in the spring; also vermillion from Canton soon. lp. 7492
- Jan. 28 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. lp. 7493
- Jan. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re accounts. Directions about notes and drafts. Exchange on New York has downward tendency. lp. 7494
- Jan. 28 -- Logansport -- From Lawrence Sprague  
Drafts drawn. lp. 7495
- Jan. 29 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has received bill for goods purchased by Sanford. Encloses note in payment. May need northwest guns later. L.B.C. 11: 344 7496
- Jan. 29 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John Heywood, Rochester  
Encloses note to be collected. Has received protested note. L.B.C. 11:345 7497
- Jan. 29 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of insurance on Chouteau's merchandise. Encloses copy of account. L.B.C. 11:346 7498
- Jan. 29 -- New York -- To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Goods from Geisse & Korckhauss have arrived. Re difficulty in obtaining beads. Can supply Trieste vermillion. Lead is not likely to advance. Money is a much desired commodity with the Company. Desires to know when Lyon will report on Chippewa treaty. The Company is greatly interested in Winnebago affairs. L.B.C. 11:347-348 7499
- Jan. 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Annex letter from Lindley, no. 7373, re deer skins. Suggests that these skins be sold in New York or St. Louis. lp. 7500
- Jan. 29 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Annex statement of damaged robes bought from the Company this season. Discussion re these robes. Wish instructions as to disposing of damaged robes. lp. 7501
- Jan. 29 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.  
Re unfavorable banking conditions. Enclose some funds on accounts lp. 7502

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- Jan. 29 -- Logansport -- N. D. Grover to William Brewster  
 Expects to have \$20,000 worth of furs. Discussion of  
 prices. G. W. Ewing has introduced a bill into Indiana  
 legislature taxing the Company; does not know what Senate  
 action will be. Ewing agent asked him if the Company would  
 make arrangement about prices; told him proposition must  
 be written. Enclosed in no. 7559. 2p. 7503
- Jan. 29 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover  
 Draft drawn. 1p. 7504
- Jan. 29 -- Hartford -- From Ezra S. Hamilton  
 Encloses check in payment of robes. 1p. 7505
- Jan. 29 -- Fort Wayne -- A. M. McCulloch to William Brewster  
 Will accept the Company's drafts at 4 months and at par.  
 Regrets advantage taken over Sprague's situation by sister  
 bank. 1p. Enclosed in no. 7559. 7506
- Jan. 29 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
 Encloses order for spring supplies. Further report of  
 slow progress of rival company, called the Northern Lake  
 Company. 1p. 7507
- Jan. 29 -- St. Joseph -- T. E. Phelps to William Brewster  
 Details of purchasing operations. Keeler, Company agent  
 is competing against him. 1p. Enclosed in no. 7538. 7508
- Jan. 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Re draft received from the Company. Unable to fill order  
 for 50 dozen Turkey red handkerchiefs. 1p. 7509
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To John Ebert & Sons, Frederick,  
 Maryland  
 Request remittance in payment for deer skins. L.B.C. 11:  
 349 7510
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
 Cannot fill order for common blankets. Details re blan-  
 kets that Loubat will furnish. Re drafts and notes. Condition  
 of lead market. L.B.C. 11:350-351 7511
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John Levering, Knox  
 County, Ohio  
 Wishes to know where Levering will pay his note. L.B.C.  
 11:352 7512
- Jan. 30 -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
 Details of classification of cotton and of prices offered.  
 L.B.C. 11:353 7513
- Jan. 30 -- New York -- To Charles de Montholon, Philadelphia  
 Annexes copy of account. Will take care of wine. Crooks  
 expects to visit Washington soon. L.B.C. 11:354-355 7514



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- Jan 30 -- Branch Bank, Fort Wayne -- From Hugh McCulloch  
Crooks has overrated value of exchange on New York at  
Fort Wayne. Has concluded to take four months' drafts of the  
Company. McCulloch thinks by time bills mature, exchange on  
New York will come down to 2 1/2 per cent. lp. 7515
- Jan. 30 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Acknowledge payment of bill. Re cost of guns. lp. 7516
- Jan. 30 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry  
Has received order for blankets. Regret dissatisfaction  
about cloth. Money matters in general easier throughout the  
country. lp. 7517
- Jan. 30 -- Pittsburgh -- From James Wood  
Has received credit from the United States branch bank.  
lp. 7518
- Jan. 30 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Fleming's report not yet submitted. Doty advises that no  
objection be offered to report of old commissioners. Sanford  
is invited to discuss matters with the Secretary. 2p. 7519
- Jan. 31 -- Indianapolis -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Details of purchasing operations of self and Ewings.  
Bicknel Cole is untrustworthy. Enclosed in no. 7586. 2p. 7520
- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To Ezra S. Hamilton  
Has credited check on account. Encloses note to be col-  
lected. L.B.C. 11:356 7521
- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Details re Kendall's "improvement" in mail facilities.  
Discussion of terms of insurance on skins. Requests that all  
packs be carefully marked. Underwriters require exact data.  
L.B.C. 11:357-358 7522
- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To William F. Gooding, Goderich, Canada  
Has honored draft. L.B.C. 11:359 7523
- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 11:360 7524
- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To J. L. Beaudry & Co., Montreal  
Acknowledges receipt of keg of specie. Will make remit-  
tance to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. as directed. L.B.C. 11:361  
7525
- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To J. L. Beaudrie, c/o Coates & Co.,  
London  
Encloses bill of exchange for funds sent by firm from  
Montreal. L.B.C. 11:362 7526

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- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Is pleased that prices on merchandise may decrease.  
White blankets in invoice are higher than expected. Blankets  
are not satisfactory. Has forwarded them to interior. Regrets  
death of Samuel Henry. L.B.O. 11:363-364 7527
- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re deer skins shipped to Lampson. Has drawn draft. L.B.O.  
11:365 7528
- Jan. 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has shipped deer skins; details of their quality. Guns  
have arrived in port. Demand for common deer skins is light;  
may have to ship them to London. Details of advice given Ohou-  
teau as to prices to be expected for deer skins. Will return  
imperfect gun to Sargent. L.B.O. 11:366-368 7529
- Jan. 31 -- Indianapolis -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (Per  
Furey)  
Draft drawn. lp. 7530
- Jan. 31 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of purchasing operations of buyers; operations of  
the Ewings and Abbott's agent Godfrey. Enclosed in no. 7538.  
2p. 7531
- Jan. 31 -- Buffalo -- From John R. Lee (Cashier of Western  
Agency Bank)  
Re collection of note. Encloses draft. lp. 7532
- Jan. 31 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for skins. lp. 7533
- Jan. 31 -- St. Louis -- From Pratts, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. lp. 7534
- Jan. 31 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re accounts. Request that cotton be insured. lp. 7535
- Jan. 31 -- Pittsburgh -- From Joseph Throckmorton  
Does not need funds at present. lp. 7536
- Feb. 1 -- Boston -- From Henry Chouteau  
Cannot leave Boston at present. lp. 7537
- Feb. 1 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Remarks on agents' success. Encloses nos. 7401, 7463,  
7506, and 7531. lp. 7538
- Feb. 1 -- New York -- From Cammann, Whitehouse & Co.  
Circular re the change in membership of firm. lp. 7539

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Feb. 1 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie

Is gratified that supplies reached Northern Outfit. Re conditions under which Livingston may borrow from the Hudson's Bay Company. Fall fishing has not come up to expectations but collection of entire year exceeds Company's calculation. Fears price of fish will be low. Hopes warehouse will be satisfactory. Details of account. Encloses copy of agreement with cooper. New opponents will likely extend business from fisheries to furs. No aid of any kind should be given to them. L.B.O. 11:369-371 7540

Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe

McKay has not arrived. In order to close business of Northern Outfit with Holiday and Franchere, complete inventory must be taken. Re directions for opening new set of books. L.B.O. 11:372-373 7541

Feb. 1 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Details of insurance on cotton. L.B.O. 11:374 7542

Feb. 1 -- Godrich -- William F. Gooding to William Brewster

Details of collection. Report of operations; re financial arrangements. Enclosed in no. 7616. 1p. 7543

Feb. 1 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau

Cannot pay in drafts drawn at four months sight. Must pay cash for small lots of furs. Re Juneau's Indian claim. 1p. 7544

Feb. 1 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re skins to be forwarded. Have forwarded to St. Louis powder received from Duponts. 1p. 7545

Feb. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re drafts. Have no news from Sanford. 1p. 7546

Feb. 2 -- Detroit -- John Hollister to William Brewster

Details of changes in matters of currency. Benjamin F. Hollister has gone to Detroit. Prices given Beymer. Is frightened at amounts of money being used. Enclosed in no. 7559. 2p. 7547

Feb. 3 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to W. D. Grover

Prices Grover is paying are too high; Logansport is only section where prices are high. If prices remain high, Grover is to see that the Ewings get inferior lots at high prices. No price agreement to be made with the Ewings. Encloses petition to Senate of Indiana; is to be sent to friend in Senate who will protect the Company interests. Enclosed in no. 7559. 2p. 7548

Feb. 3 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Senate of Indiana

Bill introduced by Senator G. W. Ewing imposing a tax on

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purchases by the Company in the state unconstitutional unless same conditions are placed on all buyers, etc. Enclosed in no. 7559. 2p. 7549

Feb. 3 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Re accounts and drafts. John Hollister should notify the Company when a draft is drawn. Conduct of the Williams is shameful; should not trust them at all. Discussion of nonpayment of drafts by Farmers & Mechanics Bank at Detroit. Has urged Lampson to sell all skins. Raccoons are too high; depression is expected. Discussion of general condition of fur market. Crooks realizes risk in carrying on competition, but approves Brewster's plan of operations. Most competent and discreet men should be employed. Ewings may destroy themselves by high prices. Country is too small now for both the Ewings and the Company to do business. Details of opinion of Brewster's agents. Cannot tell how vigorously Chouteau will fight the opposition. Details of Lashley's affairs with Ewings. Re directions about Juneau's drafts. Advises that Taylor's muskrats be sold on the Ohio. Hotte is in Europe; Hotte's agent, Wendel, has correspondence with raccoon collectors in Ohio. Benjamin Hollister's drafts show bad management. Annexes list of drafts. L.B.O. 11:375-382 7550

Feb. 3 -- New York -- To William Lashley, Maskigon, Lake Michigan

Discussion of offer the Company may make for Lashley's skins. L.B.O. 11:383 7551

Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has had to sell cotton at reduced rate. L.B.O. 11:384 7552

Feb. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to N. P. Wells, Johnstown

Discussion of promised payment on certain note. L.B.O. 11:385 7553

Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Re English blankets substituted for part of French blankets; Re disposal of deer skins. L.B.O. 11:386 7554

Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re drafts accepted. L.B.O. 11:387 7555

Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Schenectady  
Is gratified that Parsons will continue business at Buffalo. Requests Parsons to see American Transportation Company in the matter of Treat & Carter's debt. L.B.O. 11:388 7556

Feb. 3 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for merchandise to be forwarded to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. without delay, as goods are needed

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for the upper Missouri region. Re kind of vessels on which Company desires goods to be shipped. L.B.C. 11:389-390 7557

Feb. 3 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of notes and drafts. 1p. 7558

Feb. 4 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Competitors are trying to force the Company out by putting up prices. Remarks in part of Grover's letter relating to the Ewings. Alarmed by amounts drawn by agents. Department will probably have twice the crop of 1839, however. Does not think Spafford suitable man to supervise buying on lower Wabash; is sending Franchere to Vincennes to help him. If Bank of Indiana will not discount Company drafts at suitable rates, he will send Furey to St. Louis for money. Operations of Hollister. Certain bank unable to pay its drafts. Encloses nos. 7428, 7433, 7503, 7506, 7547, 7548, 7549. 3p. 7559

Feb. 4 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses duplicate bill of lading. L.B.C. 11:391 7560

Feb. 4 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Encloses invoices for French blankets and English goods. Re inaccuracies in filling order. L.B.C. 11:392-393 7561

Feb. 4 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will pay duty on goods. L.B.C. 11:394 7562

Feb. 4 -- Perrysburg -- Benjamin F. Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of operations of John Hollister, Spafford, Spragus, and George Hunt (now Ewing's agent). Urgent that Brewster come out for conference. Enclosed in no. 7586. 2p. 7563

Feb. 4 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Sends duplicate of lost bill. 2p. 7564

Feb. 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
Discussion of bankruptcy of Root & Leonard, and claims due the Company and due Powells. 2p. 7565

Feb. 4 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of differences in accounts. Dissatisfaction about paying for inferior robes. Offers to settle at reduced rate. Re misunderstanding about commission and exchange. Have £800 in Mexican dollars and American half dollars ready to forward to Greeks. 3p. 7566

Feb. 5 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John Ross, Cashier  
Introduces Gabriel Franchere. Complains about exchange policy of the bank; The Company will agree to nothing but same terms as Fort Wayne bank gives. Franchere will get funds in St. Louis if bank does not comply with the Company's demands. Enclosed in no. 7586. 1p. 7567

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Feb. 5 -- New York -- From A. H. Center & Son

Wish to know number of robes on hand, belonging to Halsey and to Centers, in order to get insurance. lp. 7568

Feb. 5 -- New York -- To John R. Lee, Buffalo

Has received check in payment of certain note. L.B.O. 11: 395 7569

Feb. 5 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Encloses abstract of account. L.B.O. 11:396 7570

Feb. 5 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Bates' report of damaged robes is unusual. Details of Company's opinion of robes in certain shipment. Amount of damage should be estimated by competent persons. L.B.O. 11: 397-398 7571

Feb. 5 -- Lafayette -- John Furey to William Brewster

Details about competition with Ewings in Logansport reported by Grover in letter dated February 5. Drafts Ewings sold will be protested. Grover has refused to purchase skins Ewings have bid on and traders come to him, sell at fair prices. All confidence in Ewings gone. Enclosed in no. 7700. lp. 7572

Feb. 5 -- Logansport -- H. D. Grover to William Brewster

Details competition with Ewings in Logansport. None of the collectors dare to sell in the street, but come directly to him. Reputation of Ewings being hurt by their agents backing out. Thinks he will get \$25,000 worth in the city. Details of purchasing operations. It is reported that Ewing will leave legislature next week to buy. Enclosed in no. 7616. 2p, 7573

Feb. 5 -- Lafayette -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per Furey)

Draft drawn. Ewings retired from the market last Monday. Furey bought skins they had bid on. lp. 7574

Feb. 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles de Montholon

Accounts perfectly satisfactory. Expects to draw letter of exchange soon; asks Crooks to negotiate it. 2p. 7575

Feb. 6 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Berup

Oakes reports prospects at Fend du Lac very encouraging. Indians have made excellent hunts. Has had to furnish Oakes with large supply of goods. Re order for additional goods. Wishes copy of Indians' permission to the Company to build at Lapointe. Inquires whether any new arrangement is made with Hudson's Bay Company in relation to frontier trade. In settlement with Aitken, he is to pay \$300 for Sandy Lake establishment. Once business is worse than miserable; re need for thorough reformation. New Worth Lake Company is raising expectation of golden age. (Northern Outfit 1840) 3p. 7576

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Feb. 6 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Has told Franchere to obtain funds in St. Louis if he cannot get them in Indiana. Is pressing the Ewings hard on Wabash and thinks they will soon go to St. Louis. Enclosed in no. 7586. lp.

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Feb. 6 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John Hollister

Agents paying too much. Best of management only will save Company from serious losses. Prices paid at Logansport will raise prices in the whole country. Franchere gone to lower Wabash. Desires full statement of Grover's accounts. 2p. Enclosed in no. 7586.

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Feb. 6 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Has received copies of letters from Furey and John Hollister. Company prefers entire letters to extracts. Discussion of large demands on Company by Brewster's agents. Company has not received any payment under Chippewa and Winnebago treaties. Demand for fish is slight. If Livingston must borrow supplies from the Hudson's Bay Company repayment should be in very best quality. Hudson's Bay Company lend good articles and are obliging neighbors. Annexes list of drafts. L.B.C. 11:399-401

7579

Feb. 6 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Re prices for lead. Encloses duplicate invoices. L.B.C. 11:402

7580

Feb. 6 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Encloses account of cotton and check for net proceeds. L.B.C. 11:403

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Feb. 6 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis

Will sell lead on best terms possible. Discussion of relations with Suydam & Sage. Lead market is overstocked. The Company will be satisfied with invoice cost for fish. Advises sale of fish, even at lower rates. L.B.C. 11:404-405

7582

Feb. 6 -- Buffalo -- From Benjamin F. Hollister & William Brewster

Details of certain draft sent by John Hollister from Perrysburgh and supposed to be lost. Request instructions about other drafts. lp.

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Feb. 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re drafts drawn. Chouteau will write about Webster's affairs. Expect navigation to be open soon. lp. (French)

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Feb. 6 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford

Encloses Treasury draft to be credited to Chouteaus. Winnebago report not yet in. Re interests of British minister. Has received buffalo tongues. 2p.

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- Feb. 7 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Duties of Franchere on lower Wabash. Remarks about enclosed letters. Encloses nos. 7301, 7520, 7563, 7567, 7577, 7578, 7587. lp. 7586
- Feb. 7 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John Hollister  
Thinks Cole wants to sell Company furs he has promised to the Ewings. Asks if furs will be got for funds drawn; anxious. 2p. 7587
- Feb. 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Discussion of quality of guns received from Sargants. Indians like barrels of clear blue color. George Wildes returns to England on present packet. L.B.C. 11:406-407 7588
- Feb. 7 -- New York -- To Charles de Montholon, Philadelphia  
Crooks will negotiate Montholon's bill of exchange. L.B.C. 11:408 7589
- Feb. 7 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Has forwarded funds to Beaudrie in London. Exchange fluctuates greatly. Details of certain payments to be made in Canada. L.B.C. 11:409 7590
- Feb. 7 -- Dundas -- From James B. Ewart  
Encloses check to be credited on account. lp. 7591
- Feb. 7 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Summary of previous letter. Expects to be in New York soon. Inquires about certain notes. lp. 7592
- Feb. 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of proceeds from sale of cotton. Much gratified at price received. Bromley has promised to settle. Instructions about paying duties on goods for Siter, Price & Company. lp. 7593
- Feb. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Enclose invoice and bill of lading for lead forwarded. Very little lead has been prepared at mines. lp. 7594
- Feb. 8 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Is glad that sale of cotton was satisfactory. Appreciates attention given to Bromley. L.B.C. 11:410 7595
- Feb. 8 -- New York -- To D. D. Mitchell, St. Louis  
Proposed publication by Harpers has not appeared. Re accounts. L.B.C. 11:411 7596
- Feb. 8 -- New York -- To Henry Chouteau, Baltimore  
Has not been able to sell drafts of southern exchange. Details of accounts. L.B.C. 11:412 7597
- Feb. 8 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for blankets to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 11:413 7598



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- Feb. 8 -- New York -- To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Details of accounts. Money is exceedingly scarce; remittance proposed by Sanford will be very welcome. Desires Sanford to urge Fleming to make his report. Company desires payment of claims. L.B.G. 11:414 7599
- Feb. 8 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Re delay of previous spring order memorandum in mail.  
lp. 7600
- Feb. 8 -- Logansport -- From E. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. lp. 7601
- Feb. 8 -- Milwaukee -- Solomon Juneau to William Brewster  
Prices paid by peddlers. Could pay lower prices if he could give drafts on New York. Enclosed in no. 7700. 2p. 7602
- Feb. 8 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Has drawn draft. Competition with many peddlers who pay in silver or good eastern funds. Requests permission to draw small short time drafts on New York for which Juneau thinks he can get a premium. lp. 7603
- Feb. 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Additional instructions about payment of duties on goods from Liverpool. lp. 7604
- Feb. 8 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Drafts have been protected. Re delay in shipping bale of twine. lp. 7605
- Feb. 9 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of agents, purchasing operations, and plans for operations in the future. Details of terms of abortive agreement with firm to buy for Company. Enclosed in no. 7616. lp. 7606
- Feb. 9 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Logansport is center of competition with Ewings; Benjamin Hollister is going there in three or four days to join Furey and Grover. Instructions to agents. Details of purchasing operations. Details of territorial distribution of \$95,000 spent for furs. Enclosed in no. 7616. 2p. 7607
- Feb. 10 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.G. 11:415 7608
- Feb. 10 -- New York -- To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Treasury draft on Collector of Customs has been paid. Discussion of Webster's obligation. Re order for Turkey red handkerchiefs which cannot be obtained in New York or Philadelphia. L.B.G. 11:416 7609

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- Feb. 10 -- New York -- To Henry Chouteau, Baltimore  
Details of proceeds of draft. L.B.O. 11:417 7610
- Feb. 10 -- New York -- To Amos Kendall, Washington  
Encloses bill for carrying mail in Prairie du Chien region. L.B.O. 11:418 7611
- Feb. 10 -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details accounts for robes and deduction for damage. Discussion of commission and exchange rates. L.B.O. 11:419 7612
- Feb. 10 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Has had to pay high prices to prevent collections being offered in spring and large collections being made by competitors. Buying in Wabash country not very successful. Details policy in regard to payment. Swings competing but have small collection. Skins of section will be worth \$130,000. Benjamin Hollister on lower Wabash. lp. 7613
- Feb. 10 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Encloses draft to be credited to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. lp. 7614
- Feb. 10 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft in payment of note. Wishes to know if the Company has any more of his notes. lp. 7615
- Feb. 11 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Agents much interested in Company's success, but do not realize financial burden; must have funds. Encloses nos. 7543, 7573, 7606, 7607. lp. 7616
- Feb. 11 -- New York -- To Hollister & Brown, Buffalo  
Lost draft has not appeared. L.B.O. 11:420 7617
- Feb. 11 -- New York -- To Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 11:421 7618
- Feb. 11 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Gives errors in accounts with various Outfits. Encloses account to end of 1839. L.B.O. 11:442-443 7619
- Feb. 11 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses invoices for merchandise. Has no certainty of further shipments of blankets to Loubat. Contract has been entirely violated and no confidence can be placed in French blanket makers. Details of blankets that have been shipped. Desire that English goods be examined carefully, as new firm has purchased them. L.B.O. 11:444-445 7620
- Feb. 11 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr., St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Annexes invoice of private order. Sanford is still in Washington. L.B.O. 11:446 7621

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- Feb. 11 -- New York -- To Wales, Nelson & Co., St. Louis  
Has honored drafts. L.B.C. 11:447 7622
- Feb. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. Have received reports from upper Mis-  
souri. 1p. (French) 7623
- Feb. 11 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Advises Crooks to come to Washington. Discussion of  
changes in contracts. Has received letter from Phelps, the  
Sac trader. Governor Lucas has made serious charges against  
the Company. Legislative council has recommended removal of  
Street. 2p. 7624
- Feb. 11 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Prefer to have customs duties paid at once. 1p. 7625
- Feb. 12 -- New York -- To M. B. Menard, Galveston  
Discussion of commercial depression and lack of demand for  
deer skins. Greater part of 1840 collection will have to be  
shipped to England. Lower prices feared in Europe. Re prices  
likely to prevail. Has arranged for drafts. L.B.C. 11:448-9 7626
- Feb. 12 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses letter for Menard. Requests Merle to inform  
Menard of insurance and freight rates. L.B.C. 11:450 7627
- Feb. 12 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Re drafts. Has endless complaints about robes of 1839.  
Annexes copy of complaint from Bates & Son. Allowance for  
quality of robes will have to be given. L.B.C. 11:451-452 7628
- Feb. 12 -- New York -- To N. P. Wells, Johnstown  
Re persons involved by failure of Root & Leonard. Desires  
opinion of financial status of certain persons. L.B.C. 11:453 7629
- Feb. 12 -- St. Marys -- From John R. Livingston  
Has ordered additional supplies. Northern Lake Company  
has engaged a member of the "Astor's" crew. Details activi-  
ties of Northern Lake Company. Wood contract is not yet com-  
pleted. Has no news from Borup. Davenport reports hunts to  
be bad, but fishing better than last year. Barbeau wishes to  
buy certain piece of land. Enclosed in no. 7904. 1p. 7630
- Feb. 12 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Employee of the Company discharged for deserting secretly  
to the Northern Lake Company. Report that the Northern Lake  
Company failed to secure fishermen at Lapointe. 2p. 7631

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- Feb. 12 -- St. Marys -- From Charles O. Stanard  
Details last trip of the "Astor". Re arrangements for housing crews during the winter. Details of arrival and activities of opponents -- Mendenhall & Conouse. 2p. 7632
- Feb. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles de Montholon  
Re letter of exchange. Wishes amount of it sent to General Gratiot at Philadelphia. Suggests having his furniture in the Company warehouse insured. Statement of cost of different items of furnishings. 1p. 7633
- Feb. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Stephen F. Nidelet  
Asks Crooks to purchase lot of brightest colored handkerchiefs at best price. 1p. 7634
- Feb. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Remit statement from Captain of wrecked steamboat in re damage to robes. Expect slight returns from Black Feet regions. Powder is in storage. 1p. (French) 7635
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Enclose order for goods, to be shipped with order from Henrys. L.B.O. 11:455 7636
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re payments to be made to Outher and to Henry & Co. Have requested Lampson to sell all skins. L.B.O. 11:456 7637
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London  
Twine has not arrived. Urges that all skins be sold. Present crop will be large. L.B.O. 11:457 7638
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Re order for additional cloth. L.B.O. 11:458 7639
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Stephen F. Nidelet, Philadelphia  
Re accounts. Annexes bill for handkerchiefs. L.B.O. 11:459 7640
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Has credited draft to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. Hopes to have news soon of Winnebago settlement. L.B.O. 11:460 7641
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Towne has paid note sent to Bates for collection. L.B.O. 11:461 7642
- Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Has credited check on account. Re notes still unpaid. L.B.O. 11:462 7643

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Feb. 13 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Encloses duplicate invoices. Part of Loubat's blankets have arrived in port. Brewster has recalled Sprague and appointed Franchere who may visit St. Louis to obtain funds. Indiana banks are very illiberal to Company agents. Details of account. Sanford remains in Washington. L.B.O. 11:463-464

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Feb. 13 -- Logansport -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster  
Townpeople circulating certain petitions against Senator Ewing's bill. Prices offered in Kentucky. Action of Ewings in Logansport may be feint to draw furs to Peru. Operations of Grover. Franchere is going to Vincennes; Grover to obtain funds through Hollister. Walker invites traders to go to Peru for good prices. Details of collection at Logansport and prices paid. Prices high but furs superior. Enclosed in no. 7747. 2p.

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Feb. 13 -- Logansport, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Drafts payable. lp.

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Feb. 13 -- Clinton, Illinois -- John Furey to William Brewster

Report of operations. Enclosed in no. 7838. 2p.

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Feb. 13 -- Clinton, Illinois -- From John Furey  
In need of funds, so drew draft without authorization. lp.

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Feb. 13 -- Logansport -- N. D. Grover to William Brewster  
Sent Brewster's remonstrance against Senator Ewing's bill to Senator Beard of St. Joseph County and wrote several prominent members of lower House to present it there; reported that bill passed lower House also. Will continue to buy where he pleases. Senator G. W. Ewing will get cold reception from people because of bill; his buyers are reviving. Enclosed in no. 7700. lp.

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Feb. 13 -- Buffalo -- From Gustavas Bussett to the Company  
Desires to sell furs to Company. lp.

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Feb. 13 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Crawford says Nourse can get Company claims in about ten days. lp.

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Feb. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Will settle with Ronaud. Regret complaints about robes. lp. (French)

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Feb. 13 -- Vincennes -- James M. Spafford to William Brewster  
Details collection of \$25,000 worth of furs. Advises that certain man who has collected for Ewings be employed. Some Ewing competition. Will draw drafts without instructions if necessary. Enclosed in No. 7838. lp.

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- Feb. 13 -- Pittsburgh -- From Joseph Throckmorton  
Asks for remittance of \$1000. 1p. 7654
- Feb. 14 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Has settled with Suydam, Sage & Co. as directed. Re drafts accepted. Suydam, Sage & Co. have undertaken to fill order for supplies for Chouteau & Mackenzie. Prospects for lead are not flattering. L.B.O. 11:465 7655
- Feb. 14 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. 1p. 7656
- Feb. 14 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Crawford has reported on Chippewa affairs. Sanford unable to get names and amount of claims. Details of Winnebago affairs. 3p. 7657
- Feb. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Bromley has queer notions about security. Discusses pro-tested note. 1p. 7658
- Feb. 15 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Indian hunts successful. Juneau's business is good. Wishes swan skins and twine sent elsewhere. Crooks is to instruct Robinson to close affairs of his outfit. 1p. 7659
- Feb. 15 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Men who went with McKay have not returned; fears loss of papers sent by them. Re reports from traders. Expects success in spring fishing. Will need coopers. If any agreement is made with the Hudson's Bay Company, suggests exclusion of Vermilion Lake as it is valuable martin country. Re equipment for fishing business. Enclosed in no. 7734. (Northern Outfit Letters, 1840). 4p. 7660
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
McKay has arrived safely. Examination of Northern Outfit papers satisfies the Company that business is being well managed at Lake Superior. Desires Brewster to furnish all supplies needed by Borup. Crooks considers Borup entitled to confidence and should have fair opportunity to carry out his plans. Supplies for Northern Outfit should be sent early. Advises that the "Crooks" be kept on route to St. Mary's and that schooner be sent to Buffalo. Borup wants 1500 barrels of coarse salt. Discussion of rivalry in Logansport region and high prices prevailing for skins. Re directions that opponents be allowed skins at exorbitant rates. Either Ewings or the Company must be driven out. Thinks Ewings' demonstration is only an effort to discourage Grover. Details relations with Indian bankers. Funds may be obtained at St. Louis for lower Wabash region. Re exchange rates at St. Louis. Has requested Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. to aid Franchere. Action of Ewings in Indiana Senate is too ridiculous to be dangerous. All returns should be forwarded earliest possible date. Advises shipment from Ohio Valley direct to New York. L.B.O. 11:466-474 7661

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- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Charles Gratiot, Philadelphia  
Has negotiated Montholon's draft on Paris; remits proceeds. L.B.C. 11:475 7662
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 11:476 7663
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Crooks will go to Washington at once, as advised by Sanford. L.B.C. 11:477 7664
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Charles de Montholon, Washington  
Has remitted proceeds of Montholon's draft to Gratiot. Details insurance rates that would apply to policy on Montholon's furniture. L.B.C. 11:478 7665
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To James B. Ewart, Dundas, Canada  
Re efforts to secure funds for Ewart's certificates. Annexes copy of account current to close of 1839. L.B.C. 11:479 7666
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Cashier of Lewis County Bank, New York  
Requests remittance for enclosed certificate. L.B.C. 11:480 7667
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Norton, Bank of Lowville, New York  
Requests remittance for enclosed certificates. L.B.C. 11:481 7668
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Rev. -- Bethune, Coburg, Canada  
Requests Bethune's opinion of Justina McLeod's qualifications to serve as governess at Lapointe. L.B.C. 11:482 7669
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Justina McLeod, Grafton, Canada  
Encloses copy of Borup's letter specifying duties expected of governess. Wishes to know whether Miss McLeod will accept terms proposed. L.B.C. 11:483 7670
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Will protect drafts. Advises that tanned skins be sold at St. Louis. L.B.C. 11:484 7671
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Bronson & Crocker, Oswego, New York  
Company expects to need 2000 barrels of salt at upper lakes during next season. Wishes to know rates of transportation to Detroit, Mackinac and St. Marys. L.B.C. 11:485 7672
- Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Vincennes  
Recommend that Franchere go to St. Louis for funds, due to unfair rates charged by Indiana banks. Advises Franchere to be very cautious. Franchere should follow instructions from Brewster. L.B.C. 11:486-7 7673

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Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Samuel Flewelling, Cashier National Bank

Requests that annexed liabilities of the Company be honored as they fall due. Crooks will be absent from New York for some time. L.B.C. 11:488

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Feb. 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Encloses order for books and maps. L.B.C. 11:489

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Feb. 15 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe

McKay arrived with all documents, money, etc. Borup's plans are satisfactory; Company expects better results than have been obtained since 1834. Borup has full authority to carry out all measures for advancement of Company's interest. McKay will go to Lapointe by first trip of brig in spring. English goods are ordered. Has urged Brewster to furnish supplies at proper date. Details of efforts to fill orders for lines and twines. Expects to obtain coopers in Canada. Discussion of vessels used on lakes. Crooks will send a gift to the Chief. Fish do not sell well. Great care should be exercised in packing fish. Lyon has made his report but Secretary of War has made no decision. Crooks is going to Washington. Annexes memoranda of expenses in employing coopers in 1839. L.B.C. 11:490-496

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Feb. 15 -- Cleveland -- Dockstader & Tomlinson to William Brewster

Details of purchasing operations. Enclosed in no. 7747.

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Feb. 15 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman

Re settlement of certain accounts. Unfavorable outlook for fur trade. lp.

7678

Feb. 15 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover

Draft drawn. lp.

7679

Feb. 15 -- Milwaukee -- Solomon Juneau to William Brewster

Surprised that the Company did not send agent to district about Fort Winnebago. Would like to give New York drafts for purchases worth over \$500. Wants about 800 earbobs for spring trade. Enclosed in no. 7747. lp.

7680

Feb. 15 -- Albany -- From Charles Lyon & Co.

Enclose drafts to be credited on account. Will settle balance due the Company when in New York. Ask prices of all kinds of furs. lp.

7681

Feb. 15 -- Mills Point -- W. H. Lillard to Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Finds skins on wrecked steamboat in worse condition than was anticipated. Has left one bale at Cairo, and placed others on board another steamer. Enclosed in no. 7728. lp.

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- Feb. 16 -- Logansport -- N. D. Grover to William Brewster  
Ewings have refused to purchase in Logansport, but are buying in Peru where townspeople are not hostile. Going to Goshen. Details of purchase. Judge Bostwick will act in absence. Has been unable to discover provisions in Ewing's bill except \$20,000 annual tax on Company. Logansport people will never sell to Ewings because of it. Enclosed in no. 7747. 2p.  
7683
- Feb. 16 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
No news on Winnebago claims. Re order sent by Gov. Lucas about payment for Sac and Fox Indians. Encloses no. 7699. 1p.  
7684
- Feb. 17 -- Fort Winnebago -- From Alexis Corbin  
Trade is very poor. No indications of making anything in the spring. Details of lost goods. DuBay's brother-in-law is selling whiskey to Indians. 1p.  
7685
- Feb. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Ramsay Crooks  
Re provision for \$1000 for Throckmorton. Advises that deer skins from New Orleans be sent abroad; no prospect of selling them in this country. Encloses no. 7687. 1p.  
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- Feb. 17 -- Philadelphia -- To Joseph Throckmorton  
Has arranged for United States branch bank at Pittsburgh to pay Throckmorton \$1000. Enclosed in no. 7686. 1p.  
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- Feb. 17 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Re Faribault's failure to send power of attorney. Will ship supplies for Sioux Outfit in March. Has paid subscriptions for newspapers. Does not expect Chouteau & Mackenzie to furnish goods to people near Sibley. Re serious state of commercial affairs. Fleming has reported Winnebago case to Secretary of War. Crooks hopes to receive claims due the Company. L.B.C. 11:497-498  
7688
- Feb. 17 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Re orders and papers received. Expects to forward goods in March. Wishes to know whether DuBay is employed at Fort Winnebago and on what terms. Peddlers should be allowed to have all rats. Encloses letter to Sibley. L.B.C. 11:499  
7689
- Feb. 17 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Suydam & Sage will forward goods at once. L.B.C. 12:1 7690
- Feb. 17 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Details of Juneau's drafts. Advises that Franchere's time be given to providing funds needed in Wabash region, especially if he has to go to St. Louis. Details activities of various fur buyers. Re Ewing's extravagant offer to Van Winkle & White for raccoons. Urges that all skins be shipped to New York promptly. Crooks is going to Washington re Winnebago matters. L.B.C. 12:2-4  
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- Feb. 17 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Details of drafts, and rates of exchange. Best muskrats  
should net cost over 12 1/2 cents. L.B.C. 12:5 7692
- Feb. 17 -- New York -- To Hugh McCulloch, Fort Wayne  
Re rates of exchange at St. Louis. Terms granted at Fort  
Wayne on drafts are unreasonable. Action of banker at Vincennes  
in taking advantage of Sprague and B. F. Hollister is a good  
recommendation for Bank of Indiana. L.B.C. 12:6 7693
- Feb. 17 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Details of drafts and accounts. Will forward merchandise  
when canal navigation opens. Business of every description was  
never so very bad as in 1840. Furs should be purchased at re-  
duced rates, but competition drives prices higher. Re prices  
for several kinds of skins. L.B.C. 12:7 7694
- Feb. 17 -- Philadelphia -- To Joseph Throckmorton, Pittsburgh  
Arrangement for payment of funds to Throckmorton has been  
made. L.B.C. 12:11 7695
- Feb. 17 -- Leverings, Ohio -- From John Levering to the Company  
Repayment of note due the Company. City funds very scarce.  
Many New York collectors in Ohio at present and expect more  
when navigation opens. lp. 7696
- Feb. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have no further reports re wrecked steamboat. Details  
notes and drafts. Have no news from M. B. Menard; know nothing  
of prospects in Texas. Will need extra vermilion for upper Mis-  
souri trade. May be able to assist Franchere in securing funds.  
lp. (French) 7697
- Feb. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts drawn. lp. (French) 7698
- Feb. 17 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
New difficulty has appeared as result of White's (of In-  
diana) visit to Secretary of War. Judge Doty has tried to ad-  
just the matter. Enclosed in no. 7684. 2p. 7699
- Feb. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Re bill introduced into Indiana Senate by Ewing. Enclosed  
nos. 7572, 7602, 7649, 7701. lp. 7700
- Feb. 18 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Moses B. Burnett  
Will require about usual amount of coarse salt to be sent  
upon opening of navigation. Requests prices and best times for  
delivery of balance of salt. Enclosed in no. 7700. lp. 7701
- Feb. 18 -- New York -- George Knicker to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Re accounts. L.B.C. 12:10 7702

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- Feb. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles Lyon & Co.,  
Albany  
Has credited drafts on accounts. Prices of furs have declined in Europe. L.B.C. 12:9 7703
- Feb. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks  
Re procedure about notes. Re drafts accepted. 2p. 7704
- Feb. 18 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Will forward goods as directed. Very little business doing. 1p. 7705
- Feb. 18 -- Manchester -- A. & S. Henry & Co. to the Company  
Circular -- Notice of death of Samuel Henry. 1p. 7706
- Feb. 18 -- St. Joseph's -- T. E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Details operations of his agents and himself in his section; thinks the Ewings will fail soon. Company agent (Keeler) has been bidding against Phelps. Enclosed in no. 7747. 2p. 7707
- Feb. 18 -- Washington -- From Postoffice Department  
Re enclosed draft. 1p. 7708
- Feb. 18 -- Johnstown -- From N. P. Wells (Cashier)  
Re economic status of persons inquired about. 1p. 7709
- Feb. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to G. M. Lampson, London  
Details of insurance policies of 1839 on shipments of furs. L.B.C. 12:12 7710
- Feb. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Re accounts. L.B.C. 12:13 7711
- Feb. 19 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. 1p. 7712
- Feb. 19 -- Rochester -- From John Haywood  
Encloses protested note of George B. Benjamin. 1p. 7713
- Feb. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts. 1p. (French) 7714
- Feb. 19 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose press copy of letter of February 8. 1p. 7715
- Feb. 20 -- Washington -- From Ramsay Crooks  
Requests that notes endorsed by Webster be sent to Sanford. Crawford is still examining report on Winnebago treaty. 1p. 7716
- Feb. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks, Washington  
Details of drafts accepted. L.B.C. 12:14 7717

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- Feb. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks  
Details of drafts. accepted. lp. 7718
- Feb. 20 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles Gratiot  
Acknowledges receipt of draft. Re draft to be transmitted.  
lp. 7719
- Feb. 20 -- Goshan -- From H. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. lp. 7720
- Feb. 20 -- Hartford -- From Ezra S. Hamilton  
Encloses check for proceeds of certain note. lp. 7721
- Feb. 20 -- Franklin Bank, Baltimore -- From James L. Hawkins  
(Cashier)  
Encloses check on account of John Ebert & Sons of Frederick,  
Maryland. lp. 7722
- Feb. 20 -- Bank of Lowville -- From S. H. Norton (Cashier)  
Encloses check to cover amount due Crooks. lp. 7723
- Feb. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Regret necessity of drawing so many drafts. lp.  
(French) 7724
- Feb. 20 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of payment of drafts. Discuss exchange and ac-  
counts. lp. 7725
- Feb. 20 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Expect bad market for deerskins; prices he contracted for;  
has been unable to buy at those prices because of competition of  
leather dealers. 2p. 7726
- Feb. 21 -- Lewis County Bank -- From O. L. Martin  
Re payment of funds and rate of exchange. lp. 7727
- Feb. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have received invoice for merchandise. Sanford alarms  
firm about quality of merchandise that government wants for con-  
tracts. Will ship robes in a few days. Encloses no. 7682. lp.  
(French) 7728
- Feb. 22 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet  
Wishes to know if the Company will want salt from him; re-  
served 1000 barrels; re prices. Thinks western fish will dis-  
place eastern fish. 2p. 7729
- Feb. 22 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ezra S. Hamilton,  
Hartford  
Has received check for note collected, L.B.C. 12:15 7730

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- Feb. 22 -- New York -- George Ehninger to W. P. Wells, Johnstown  
Has received remittance on note. Regrets that claims against Gilbert & Leonard are so discouraging. L.B.C. 12:16 7731
- Feb. 22 -- Logansport -- From B. F. Hollister (per Furey)  
Draft drawn. 1p. 7732
- Feb. 23 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co. (Per Wm. Smith)  
Forwarded \$4000 referred to in letter of February 4. 1p. 7733
- Feb. 24 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Fears for the Winnebago express which has not yet arrived. Is replanking the schooner built last summer. Has got out material for 5,000 half barrels and the store on the wharf will be 100 feet longer, making the whole fish-store about 400 feet long. Had secured the best fishermen here before news of the new company came. Their engagements run August 1 - October 15 instead of August 1 - August 1, entitling Borup to their services twice at Isle Royale, once at Fond du Lac, and once at Lapointe. Wages \$150 per year. Encloses no. 7660. 1p. 7734
- Feb. 24 -- New York -- To J. F. A. Sanford, Washington  
Encloses notes of Turner and Kinney. Desires Sanford to insist that Company's claims against Winnebagoes be paid in New York, as commissioners of 1838 were authorized to promise. L.B.C. 12:17 7735
- Feb. 24 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Annexes statement of account. Re reimbursement for funds paid to Throckmorton. L.B.C. 12:18 7736
- Feb. 24 -- New York -- To Auditor, Post-Office Department, Washington  
Acknowledges receipt of draft. L. B. C. 12:19 7737
- Feb. 24 -- New York -- To James L. Hawkins, Baltimore  
Has credited check on Eberts' account. L.B.C. 12:20 7738
- Feb. 24 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has honored drafts. Regrets death of Palmer. Will be pleased to have directions in re affairs with Webster. Has sent notes of Turner and Kinney to Sanford. L.B.C. 12:21 7739
- Feb. 24 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Fears lead will come to poor market. Sanford remains in Washington. L.B.C. 12:22 7740
- Feb. 24 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Re skins received in damaged condition. Has shipped blankets to be forwarded to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. L.B.C. 12:23 7741
- Feb. 24 -- Fort Wayne -- From Francis Comporet  
Asks for pamphlet of sales of furs and skins in London, in

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order to regulate prices better. All furs are selling at enormous prices. Opposition is strong and fever high. lp. 7742

Feb. 24 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.

Regrets that the Company is not satisfied with blankets received. Will endeavor to obviate objections pointed out. Has forwarded goods to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. and has drawn draft. lp. 7743

Feb. 24 -- South Bend -- T. E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Details of operations. Enclosed in no. 7838. 2p. 7744

Feb. 24 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Re error in order for fire steels. L.B.O. 12:25 7745

Feb. 24 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Re bills received. Is gratified that Lampson has hopes of fair spring sales. Collections of deer and raccoon will be as large as in 1839. Every skin in London should go into hands of consumers. Expects very slight demand in United States for any kind of skins. Wishes Lampson's opinion of probable condition of market in autumn. Discussion of orders for guns. L.B.O. 12:26-28 7746

Feb. 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Has directed all who are authorized to draw drafts for account of this Department on the Company, to advise Crooks as soon as drawn. Has called Hollister's attention to this matter. Mr. Williams will be closely attended to. Is getting mortgages on Real Estate for ample security. As soon as settlement is completed will send full statement of securities taken. Glad of good prospects for sale of furs in London. Excitement has raised price of deerskins. Has on hand 8,000 muskrats. Has purchased 2,000 good Raccoon skins from Canada. Abbott not much in the way. Urges that all buy skins as low as possible. Has no doubt that Ewings are about used up. Will tell Franchere to look after skins on the Ohio. Will get skins on Grand River. Will meet with entire success in getting skins in his country. Sprague is at home. Will not be sent out again. Will give Wm. Lashy special attention. Will send Taylor's skins to New York. Will get departments on South arranged so that all will work well. Encloses nos. 7645, 7677, 7680, 7683, 7707. 3p. 7747

Feb. 24 -- Mackinac -- From Toussaint Santelli

Details books sent from Marseilles and held in customs office for cost of transportation. Requests Company to obtain these books. Inquires about funds sent to Paris in 1839. lp. 7748  
(French)

Feb. 25 -- Oswego -- From Bronson & Croker

Can transport salt to Detroit for the Company at 44 cents per barrel up to August 1, and at 50 cents after August 1. Details of prices of salt. Burnet will have 1,000 barrels ready at opening of navigation. 2p. 7749

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- Feb. 25 -- New York -- To E. P. Davis, agent of Peter Lorillard,  
Present  
Re poor construction of new store which is not in condi-  
tion to be rented. L.B.O. 12:24 7750
- Feb. 25 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Encloses order for rifles to be delivered in April. L.B.O.  
12:29 7751
- Feb. 25 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Has received letter and protest re certain steamer. L.B.O.  
12:30 7752
- Feb. 25 -- Vincennes -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Payments for skins in drafts. Spafford's fur purchases.  
Drafts on Company for Spafford's needs. 5 drafts payable for  
other skins. 2p. 7753
- Feb. 25 -- Logansport -- From H. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. 1p. 7754
- Feb. 25 -- Vincennes -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Grover in Goshen to pay for purchase. Details of Spafford's  
collection and prices paid. Has paid out \$25,000. Details of  
operations of agents. Needs for funds. Land transportation  
almost impossible. Enclosed in no. 7933. 2p. 7755
- Feb. 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have received invoice for merchandise. Fear long delay in  
delivery of blankets by Loubat. Will not be able to fill con-  
tracts. Re deer skins and furs forwarded. Hopes prices in Eng-  
land will be high. Oppenheim offers to buy from Chouteau &  
Mackenzie. 1p. (French) 7756
- Feb. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Draft correct for balance of account. 1p. 7757
- Feb. 26 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.  
Details of funds directed to be paid to the Company. 1p.  
7758
- Feb. 26 -- New York -- To James B. Ewart, Canada  
Details of remittances received from Bank of Lowville and  
from Lewis County Bank. L.B.O. 12:31 7759
- Feb. 26 -- New York -- To S. H. Norton, Bank of Lowville  
Has received net proceeds for certificate. L.B.O. 12:32  
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- Feb. 26 -- New York -- To C. L. Martin, Lewis County Bank  
Has received net proceeds for certificate. L.B.O. 12:33  
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- Feb. 26 -- Logansport -- From H. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. 1p. 7762
- Feb. 26 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Encloses invoice for cloth forwarded. Business very quiet.  
No prospect of change in prices. 1p. 7763
- Feb. 26 -- Grafton, New York -- From Justina McLeod  
Miss McLeod has decided to accept offer to teach at Lapointe  
Refers to previous correspondence on the subject. Gives list of  
books and materials needed for a school, such as beads, yarn,  
needles, music-book, bibles, shorter catechism, dancing shoes.  
3p. 7764
- Feb. 26 -- Ooburg -- From Rev. A. N. Bethune  
Has investigated qualifications of Miss McLeod to fill posi-  
tion of governess at Lake Superior, and considers her well fitted  
Miss McLeod is a Presbyterian. Re family affairs. 1p. 7765
- Feb. 26 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Details certain claims against Rolette. Claims at War De-  
partment are in Auditor's hands. (Western Outfit Miscellany).  
2p. 7766
- Feb. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re financial matters. 1p. 7767
- Feb. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Edward Hill, Stamford  
Connecticut  
Encloses notes to be collected. L.B.C. 12:34 7768
- Feb. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to P. J. St. John, Ithaca  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 12:36 7769
- Feb. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Schoonhoven, Troy  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 12:37 7770
- Feb. 27 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Discussion of payment to be made to Throckmorton. Encloses  
note to be collected. L.B.C. 12:38 7771
- Feb. 27 -- New York -- To Joseph Throckmorton, Pittsburgh  
Has arranged for payment of funds still due Throckmorton  
on credit of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. L.B.C. 12:39 7772
- Feb. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to R. G. Cole, Burlington,  
Vermont  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 12:40 7773
- Feb. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ezra S. Hamilton,  
Hartford  
Encloses note for collection. L.B.C. 12:41 7774



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- Feb. 27 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Requests remittance on account at early date. Banks will  
not discount any "out of town" paper. L.B.C. 12:42 7775
- Feb. 27 -- New York -- To Moses D. Burnett, Syracuse  
Has not yet received complete orders for salt. Terms  
specified by Burnett are satisfactory. Hopes Burnett will find  
market for fish. L.B.C. 12:43 7776
- Feb. 27 -- Logansport -- From W. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. lp. 7777
- Feb. 27 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Can fill order for rifles at once. Has some Lancaster  
pattern, 32 calibre rifles on hand. lp. 7778
- Feb. 27 -- Indianapolis -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per  
Purvey)  
Draft drawn. lp. 7779
- Feb. 27 -- New Orleans -- From E. F. Jenkins to the Company  
Has received 3629 pigs lead from Chouteau & Mackenzie of  
St. Louis, to be forwarded to the Company. Freight material  
very scarce. lp. 7780
- Feb. 27 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford  
Discussion of Bradley's non-payment of note. Nothing has  
been done on Winnebago affairs. Crawford may investigate anew  
all old claims. Will leave Winnebago claims in hands of Kurtz.  
3p. 7781
- Feb. 28 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 12:44 7782
- Feb. 28 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Discussion of accounts and rates of exchange. The Company  
will pay any commissions specified by Vallée, Boyer & Co. for at-  
tention to Company business. Details of drafts. L.B.C. 12:  
45-46 7783
- Feb. 28 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses duplicate bill of lading. L.B.C. 12:47 7784
- Feb. 28 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Crooks cannot give any new direction re business of Detroit  
Department. All skins should be forwarded at earliest possible  
date. Collections of Ohio valley should be sent via Pittsburgh.  
George Hunt is interfering in Chouteau's trade in Missouri. En-  
closes note to be collected. Winnebago claims are still undeter-  
mined. L.B.C. 12:48-49 7785

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- Feb. 28 -- Troy -- From David Ellis  
Is unable to make payment on robes. Cannot collect accounts, and banks will not discount notes. 2p. 7786
- Feb. 28 -- St. Joseph's -- T. E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Details of purchasing operations. Most opposition in Indiana country comes from Company buyers. Has collection Ewings contracted for. Reported that Ewings are in financial straits. Enclosed in no. 7838. 1p. 7787
- Feb. 28 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. 1p. (French) 7788
- Feb. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re arrangements about notes. 1p. 7789
- Feb. 28 -- Stamford Bank, Stamford -- From Edward Hill (Cashier)  
Has received Ehninger's letter of February 27, with enclosures. 1p. 7790
- Feb. 29 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Has received keg of specie, which has been credited on account. L.B.C. 12:50 7791
- Feb. 29 -- New York -- To H. D. Grover, Logansport  
General practice of the Company is to allow agents to manage all business with fur buyers. Discussion of action of Senate of Indiana re activities of the Company. Such legislation is not constitutional; Grover should resist execution of such a law. Requests copy of proposed law. Ewings should not imagine they can legislate the Company out of Indiana. Company will sustain Grover in all his rights. L.B.C. 12:51-52 7792
- Feb. 29 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Details of corrections in accounts. Guns have arrived in fair order. Discussion of skins damaged on voyage; risk is the vessel's affair and not the company's. Encloses invoice for furs and deer skins shipped. Desires prompt sales. L.B.C. 12:53-55 7793
- Feb. 29 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re skins and furs shipped to Lampson. Company desire early sales. Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 12:56 7794
- Feb. 29 -- New Orleans -- From E. F. Jenkins to the Company  
Encloses bill of lading for 3629 pigs lead. 1p. 7795
- Feb. 29 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau (per Louis Franchère)  
Juneau left February 29 for the West. Details of drafts drawn by Juneau and securing of \$100 in eastern funds. 1p. 7796

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- Feb. 29 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose copy of sales account. Have accepted draft of Henry  
firm. Goods from Henry firm ready to forward. 2p. 7797
- Feb. 29 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 7798
- Mar. 1 -- Logansport -- H. D. Grover to William Brewster  
No competition with Ewings. Has agent buying near Peru.  
Has himself bought \$18,000 worth of furs. Details of purchasing  
operations. Enclosed in no. 7838. 2p. 7799
- Mar. 1 -- New York -- From Philip Speyer to the Company  
Circular -- Announces his business of negotiating foreign  
and domestic exchange. lp. 7800
- Mar. 1 -- Galveston, Texas -- From M. B. Menard  
Encloses bill of exchange for \$1200 which is to be placed  
to credit of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. lp. 7801
- Mar. 2 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Details of accounts. Will fill order for commandant at  
Fort Brady. Will give attention to order for St. Marys Outfit.  
Regrets that lack of snow hinders Livingston's operations. Oppon-  
ents may be less formidable than was feared; no aid should be ex-  
tended to them. L.B.C. 12:57-58 7802
- Mar. 2 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Cleveland fishing company should be treated as dangerous  
opponents. L.B.C. 12:59 7803
- Mar. 2 -- Dundas -- From William F. Gooding  
Draft drawn. lp. 7804
- Mar. 2 -- Fort Wayne -- From Francis Comparet  
Discussion of bill in Indiana legislature aimed to injure  
Company. Senator Ewing is responsible. lp. 7805
- Mar. 2 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Benjamin F. Hollister has returned from Logansport. Grover  
has promised to obey price instructions in future; has bought  
many skins at ruinous prices. Quality of skins at Logansport  
improving. Furey is in Bloomington, Illinois competing with  
Ewing agent. 2p. 7806
- Mar. 2 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Benjamin Hollister able to put prices down while in Logans-  
port; told Grover to pursue same course. Ewings' competition.  
Re route by which to send furs. Operations. Enclosed in no.  
7933. lp. 7807

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- Mar. 2 -- Office of Indian Affairs -- From T. H. Crawford  
Is returning drafts not allowed by report of commissioner  
on claims for debts against Chippewas. (Northern Outfit Miscellaneous Papers). lp. 7808
- Mar. 3 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet  
Told Brewster he would deliver on last year's terms; will  
reduce rate on salt sent to Oswego. lp. 7809
- Mar. 3 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knowler, Albany  
Has credited remittance on account. Will be grateful for  
further payments. L.B.C. 12:60 7810
- Mar. 3 -- New York -- To David Ellis, Troy  
Requests remittance on account. L.B.C. 12:61 7811
- Mar. 3 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover to Benjamin F. Hollister  
Needs funds. Furey had difficulty in getting funds at  
Indianapolis. Details of operations. Enclosed in no. 7933. lp. 7812
- Mar. 3 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Three of Company's Chippewa claims rejected. Is offered  
drafts on St. Louis for remainder. lp. 7813
- Mar. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Are pleased that Crooks agrees with firm about skins. Re  
agreement with Lindley about tanning. Have promised funds to  
Col. Menard. 2p. (French) 7814
- Mar. 4 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Encloses account current. Re balance due Vallée, Boyer &  
Company. Encloses account against boatman who deserted. L.B.C.  
12:62 7815
- Mar. 4 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Expects no improvement in dealing with French blanket manu-  
facturers. Only way to avoid disappointment is to use English  
blankets. Sanford reached New York March 3. Details of Sanford's  
order for goods. Departure of Blackfoot Indians from their re-  
cent haunts must be harmful to Chouteau's business. Encloses  
invoice for knives and blankets shipped. L.B.C. 12:63-64 7816
- Mar. 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Regrets that Pratte pays so little attention to his mother's  
allowance. Annexes abstract of account. L.B.C. 12:65 7817
- Mar. 4 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Are satisfied with arrangement made by Company with Suydam,  
Sage & Co. Expect prices on lead to advance. Net proceeds of  
sale of fish is credited on account. Think any reasonable quan-  
tity of white fish will sell readily. lp. 7818

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- Mar. 4 -- Milwaukee -- Solomon Juneau to William Brewster  
Difficult to purchase at reasonable prices in Rock River region because of competition of peddlers and Chicago buyers.  
1p. Enclosed in no. 8005. 7819
- Mar. 4 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft on account. 1p. 7820
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Francis Comparet, Fort Wayne  
Has no report of any London sales since September. Brewster can give most reliable information re prices of skins. L.B.C. 12:66 7821
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Details of draft credited on account. L.B.C. 12:67 7822
- Mar. 5 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh, Ohio  
Has honored drafts. Regrets high prices forced on buyers by opponents. Advises that adversaries be allowed to have skins at extreme prices. Discussion of Ewing's action in Indiana legislature. Company will resist any attempt to enforce proposed law. L.B.C. 12:68-69 7823
- Mar. 5 -- Shawneetown, Illinois -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Purchases of furs by Spafford. Leaves soon for Evansville. 2p. 7824
- Mar. 5 -- Indianapolis -- John Furey to John Hollister  
Finds Ewings' men backing out on contracts; Company will profit. Much excitement in town over Ewing's fur bill; has made friends for Company. Bill printed in Journal of March 4 with Judah's (member of Judicial Committee) examination of Company charter. Gov. Wallace said he would have vetoed bill. Enclosed in no. 7933. 1p. 7825
- Mar. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Request payment of certain account. Have received part of English merchandise. Regret that Company could not obtain whole of claim against government. 1p. (French) 7826
- Mar. 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have collected certain note. Await further instructions. 1p. 7827
- Mar. 5 -- Stamford Bank -- From Edward Hill  
Returns protested note, with fee of \$2. 1p. 7828
- Mar. 5 -- Pittsburgh -- From Joseph Throckmorton  
Certain accounts have been promptly and satisfactorily paid. 1p. 7829

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- Mar. 6 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Encloses notes to be collected. Proceeds should be remitted in New York funds. L.B.C. 12:70 7830
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Discussion of banking operations. Wall Street refuses to draw on Philadelphia. L.B.C. 12:71 7831
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Re government action about claims. Company prefers draft on New York for Chippewa claims. L.B.C. 12:72 7832
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Regrets that fur buyers pay such foolish prices. Juneau may draw drafts on Company. Secretary of War has not yet given decision on Fleming's report. L.B.C. 12:73 7833
- Mar. 6 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Vincennes  
Details of letters and drafts received. Company desires to know whether Franchere went to St. Louis for funds. Orders from Brewster should be executed promptly. All skins possible should be shipped at once via Ohio river and Pennsylvania canal. Packing accounts should accompany all shipments. Directions for marking packs. L.B.C. 12:74-75 7834
- Mar. 6 -- Shawneetown, Illinois -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster  
Details of purchasing operations and difficulty in getting funds in St. Louis, etc. 2p. Enclosed in no. 8031. 7835
- Mar. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Commissary General  
Asks for prices of buckskins for hunting shirts, leggings, and moccasins. 1p. 7836
- Mar. 6 -- South Bend -- T. E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Details purchase from L. M. Taylor; re agreement about price. Enclosed in no. 7933. 1p. 7837
- Mar. 7 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Will furnish Dr. Borup's supplies. Brig will be able to go to Sault by April 15. Discussion about arrangement for salt. Details of prices which Spafford paid. Has told Phelps not to bid yet for South Bend furs. Details of Company's and Ewing's operations. Fulmination against the Ewings; bill failed to pass Indiana legislature; people of State infuriated with Ewings and friendly to the Company. Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. will help Franchere to get funds. George Hunt is buying near St. Louis. Has told Franchere to leave buying to Spafford. Has instructed buyers to send collections East immediately. Has instructed Juneau to pay with New York drafts under certain conditions. Requests return of Farmers & Mechanics bank draft with

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account of expenses. [There is a notice on the cover of this letter from Corning, President of the Commercial Bank of Albany, that the sheriff has served an attachment on Company's stock for claims of \$5,000 held by this bank.] Encloses nos. 7647, 7653, 7744, 7787, 7799. 6p. 7838

Mar. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ezra S. Hamilton, Hartford

Has received proceeds for note collected. Wishes to know financial status of Stillman & Hill. L.B.C. 12:76 7839

Mar. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Edward Hill, Stamford  
Directions about protested note. L.B.C. 12:77 7840

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Peter Powell, Philadelphia  
Discussion of bankruptcy case of Root & Leonard, and policy to be pursued. Advises Powell to come to New York. Encloses letter to Mackenzie. L.B.C. 12:78-79 7841

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Stephen F. Nidelet, Philadelphia  
Encloses invoice for wine forwarded. Requests prompt sales. L.B.C. 12:80 7842

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Justina McLeod  
Company cannot employ governess for Borup for less than three years. Re salary, etc. McKay will accompany Miss McLeod if she agrees to go to Lapointe. L.B.C. 12:81-82 7843

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses copy of Lampson's letter. Re contents of Lampson's private letter. Tone of entire letter is gloomy. Prices should be reduced. L.B.C. 12:83 7844

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London  
Company accedes to proposed extension of existing agreement with Hudson's Bay Company; will advise Keith at once. Company is grateful for kindness shown by Hudson's Bay Company to St. Mary's Outfit. Price of salt is still undetermined. L.B.C. 12:84-85 7845

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Annexes memoranda for supplies to be forwarded with goods from Henry's. L.B.C. 12:87 7846

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Pleased that Henry & Co. can supply blankets. Annexes memoranda for supplies. L.B.C. 12:86 7847

Mar. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Tedious voyages of packets in 1840 have greatly delayed communications. Has received sales accounts of beaver from Lampson. Has ordered goods from Henry & Co. and Outler. L.B.C. 12: 88-89 7848

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Mar. 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Accounts of sales of beaver are correct. Will have less western beaver in 1840, as Blackfoot Indians will deal with Hudson's Bay Company. Will give attention to matters concerning muskrats. Expects to have more muskrats than in 1839. Re order for additional goods. L.B.C. 12:90-91 7849

Mar. 7 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister

George Hunt (principal Ewing agent) has left lower Wabash; probably at St. Louis. Fears loss on lower Wabash deer skins. 1p. 7850

Mar. 7 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Details of goods forwarded to St. Louis. Enclose documents re sale of damaged skins; discussion of loss. Expect Menard to have but slight success in Texas. 3p. 7851

Mar. 7 -- Washington -- From J. N. Nicollet

Crawford has finished his work. Everything decided about payment; will be ordered at once. Place not determined. Directions for sending mail. 1p. (French) 7852

Mar. 7 -- Grandville -- T. E. Phelps to William Brewster (per S.O. Keeler)

Wants instructions about prices to offer. Details of prices being offered by opponents, who give Eastern funds. Asks instructions as to how payment is to be made. Enclosed in no. 7933. 2p. 7853

Mar. 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Enclose check for proceeds of note. Brokerage rates high. 1p. 7854

Mar. 8 -- Washington -- From Charles Gratiot

Has been informed by Nicollet that report and recommendations of Commissioner Fleming in regard to Winnebagoes have been accepted by Government. Secretary of Treasury will decide when and where money will be paid. Details of corruption among government officials. 2p. 7855

Mar. 9 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son

Enclose check to be credited on account. 1p. 7856

Mar. 9 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup

Express party has returned from Fort Winnebago. Scott has brought very encouraging reports from Fond du Lac. Season is far advanced. Details conditions at various posts. Re supply of staves and prices of them. Will be vigilant against any opposition. (Northern Outfit Letters, 1840). 3p. 7857

Mar. 9 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Wishes information about checks. Has received proceeds of note. L.B.C. 12:92 7858

Mar. 9 -- New York -- To -- Irvine, Philadelphia

Details of supplies and prices of dressed deerskins in New



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- Mar. 9 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has shipped rifles; details of route of transportation.  
Has sent extra rifles to be put in storage. Asks for payment  
in Philadelphia funds. 1p. 7860
- Mar. 9 -- New York -- From Edward Whitehouse  
Recommends commission house of Miessegas at New Orleans.  
2p. 7861
- Mar. 9 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Hourse  
Going to Richmond, March 10; will return immediately. 1p.  
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- Mar. 9 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Asks about quantity and prices of deer skins. 1p. 7863
- Mar. 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re accounts. 1p. 7864
- Mar. 10 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 12:94 7865
- Mar. 10 -- New York -- To James Keith, Lachine, Canada  
Re Lampson's proposal for extension of agreement between  
Company and Hudson's Bay Company for further term of two years.  
Company accedes to Lampson's proposal. Friendly relations of the  
two companies will remain undisturbed. L.B.C. 12:95 7866
- Mar. 10 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has paid draft. Encloses check to be collected. L.B.C. 12:  
96 7867
- Mar. 10 -- Logansport -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Details why it will not be more economical to send his  
furs via Pittsburgh; Crooks misinformed about steamer service.  
Ewings in market only to keep prices up; his policy of foisting  
skins at losing prices on them forced them out. Enclosed in no.  
8005. 1p. 7868
- Mar. 10 -- Green Bay -- John Lawe to William Brewster  
Regrets he was not instructed to buy for Company at earlier  
date, as purchases for Company in Milwaukee have put prices higher.  
Business and financial conditions in region are very bad.  
Enclosed in no. 8005. 1p. 7869
- Mar. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Merles have advised that condition of their affairs does  
not permit them to continue agency; have recommended Miessegas  
as agent. Re furs shipped. Re prices paid for skins by Claymore.  
Regret to have skins pass into rival's hands. 3p. (French) 7870

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Mar. 10 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell

Wishes Crooks to take charge of P. & J. Powell's claim against Root & Leonard. Is unable to go to New York at present. lp.

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Mar. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re arrangement for funds for Menard. Have drawn drafts. Re shipment of skins. Goods from New York have arrived. lp.(French)

7872

Mar. 10 -- Troy -- From P. Wells (Cashier)

Encloses draft for proceeds of note collected. lp.

7873

Mar. 11 -- New York -- George Eaninger to P. Wells, Troy

Grateful for collection of note and remittance of proceeds. L.B.C. 12:97

7874

Mar. 11 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works

Has received bill for rifles. Will pay Henry in Philadelphia funds. Annexes order for rifles to be supplied as soon as possible. L.B.C. 12:98

7875

Mar. 11 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London

Has advised Keith re continuation of agreement with Hudson's Bay Company. L.B.C. 12:99

7876

Mar. 11 -- New York -- To G. M. Lempson, London

Crooks is going to Washington re business with government. Will give opinion about Sargents' guns soon. L.B.C. 12:100

7877

Mar. 11 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Encloses account of sales of beaver. Re low price and poor quality of beaver. Has received meagre news from Europe. L.B.C. 12:101-102

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Mar. 11 -- Logansport -- From John Furey

Necessary to draw draft for \$5,000; skins very plentiful because Ewings are going out of business. Benjamin F. Hollister has been in town. 2p.

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Mar. 11 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster

Benjamin Hollister did not curb Grover in his prices; thinks latter has thrown away \$5,000. Company hard pushed at Defiance. Details of money given Grover. Charles Hollister has \$0,000 skins. B. F. Hollister is going to Logansport again. Enclosed in no. 7933. lp.

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Mar. 11 -- New York -- To Peter Lerillard

Discussion of unsafe condition of store room, to which Lerillard should give attention. L.B.C. 12:104

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Mar. 11 -- New York -- From William Kemble

Received order for powder. lp.

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Mar. 11 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe

Re debt claims against Winnebagoes. Has been at great expense about this claim. Lawe has been in Indian trade 42 years; claim dates from 1815. Times very dull. Hopes Congress will make an appropriation for improvement of Fox and Wisconsin river. 3p. 7883

Mar. 11 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse

Encloses New York funds. 1p. 7884

Mar. 12 -- Baltimore -- To William Brewster

On way to Washington to get funds allowed by Winnebago Treaty in 1838. Re furnishing Gooding with Canadian funds. Had heard about Ewing bill; directed Grover to appeal to courts if it became a law. Agents must not try to buy all skins at any price; should force skins of high price on competitors. Details prices to offer. Furs sent to Pittsburgh to be consigned to J. C. Reynolds, agent of Dispatch Line. Company's interest demands skins be sent very quickly. Small furs to be wrapped in bearskins to prevent theft. Has made three year contract with American Transportation Company. Franchere finds it necessary to get funds in St. Louis. Instructions about claims against Farmers and Mechanics Bank. \$4 price to be expected for castorom. Hopes foreign demand for furs will be large; domestic demand will not be. Enclosed in no. 5005. 2p. 7885

Mar. 12 -- Baltimore -- From Ramsay Crooks

Has not been able to find turkey red handkerchiefs and inferior blankets. Sanford has gone to Washington. Resolution has passed Congress directing Secretary of War to suspend action on claims under Winnebago treaty. 2p. 7886

Mar. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Ramsay Crooks

Requests copies of orders for certain goods be sent to Nidelet. Nourse will transmit money for Chippewa certificates. Re silver cup to be sent to Sibley. Re letter to Lorillard for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 2p. 7887

Mar. 12 -- New York -- From George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks

Can purchase Chinese vermilion just arrived from Canton at \$2 per lb. Re drafts from Nourse. 1p. 7888

Mar. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Crooks

Kemble has acknowledged receipt of order of powder. Has sent draft to James Henry. 2p. 7889

Mar. 12 -- Baltimore -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Government has agreed to pay claims under Winnebago treaty according to report made by Cameron & Murray in 1838. Company has lost 11 months interest on money. Re advice about supplying funds for Gooding. Discussion of Ewings' effort to legislate Company out of Indiana. Details of drafts. Re directions given

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to Franchere. Returns should be sent to New York at once. Details agreement with American Transportation Company, who will pay balance due by Treat & Carter. Details difficulties to obtain funds in Indiana. Re lack of market for muskrats. Lampson has not reported on deer skins. L.B.C. 12:123-126 7890

Mar. 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Encloses drafts in payment for rifles. L.B.C. 12:102 7891

Mar. 12 -- Logansport -- W. D. Grover to William Brewster  
Description of state of river transportation in region. Furs of superior quality coming in. Senator Ewing is in town; does not think Company will be troubled with their competition in the future. Enclosed in no. 8005. 2p. 7892

Mar. 12 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for skins. 1p. 7893

Mar. 12 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Statement of remittances. Will defer receiving payment to get notes at end of session, if desired. Memorandum of Company's Chippewa claims. 3p. 7894

Mar. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details drafts. Disappointments in receiving payments and new demands force drawing of so many drafts. Difficult to make collections. Hope that mountain affairs will improve. 1p. (French) 7895

Mar. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re financial affairs. Current funds are now acceptable. 1p. 7896

Mar. 12 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Arrangements about exchange and commission. 1p. 7897

Mar. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks  
Annexes memoranda of supplies needed to complete order of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. Will follow instructions about money. Re bills paid and sum borrowed from Halsey. 3p. 7898

Mar. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks, Philadelphia  
Encloses list of items not yet filled on Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Company's order for domestic goods. Details business transactions of the Company. L.B.C. 12:105-106 7899

Mar. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Grateful for collection of drafts. Crooks has gone to Washington. Details of drafts. L.B.C. 12:107-108 7900

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- Mar. 13 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Order for rifles received; will manufacture them at once.  
lp. 7901
- Mar. 13 -- Philadelphia -- From the Commissary General  
Is grateful for information supplied by Crooks. lp. 7902
- Mar. 13 -- South Bend -- L. M. Taylor to William Brewster  
Details of collection sold to Phelps and prices desired. Is going down the Kankakee in April to buy skins of Indians who are in debt to him. Wishes to know if Company wants pork, lard, etc. from his brother and prospects of selling in Detroit. Enclosed in no. 8005. lp. 7903
- Mar. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks  
Expects drafts from Nourse. Mackenzie has gone to Philadelphia. Encloses no. 7630. lp. 7904
- Mar. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Details of drafts received. Encloses letter for Crooks. L.B.C. 12:109-110 7905
- Mar. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. L.B.C. 12:111 7906
- Mar. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks, Washington  
Has received drafts from Nourse. Re letter from Livingston. Mackenzie has gone to Philadelphia. L.B.C. 12:112 7907
- Mar. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Groning & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for wine to be forwarded to Chouteau & Mackenzie. L.B.C. 12:113 7908
- Mar. 14 -- Lapointe -- From O. W. Borup  
Snow is gone and Indians will not hunt martins. Bushnell has reported that Gov. Dodge wishes to remove Bushnell's office to St. Croix Falls where he recommends that payment be made. Requests Crooks to urge that payment be made at Lapointe. Thinks Chippewas are opposed to going to St. Croix. Intends to break up post at Lac du Flambeau as it is only a bill of expense. Does not wish to have any relations with DuBay. Since 1834 Lac du Flambeau and Lac Courtoreille have been unprofitable. Encloses no. 7910. (Northern Outfit Letters, 1840). 3p. 7909
- Mar. 14 -- Lapointe -- Charles W. Borup to Alexis Corbin, Lac du Flambeau  
Regrets that so little business has been done but does not

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blame Corbin. Advises Corbin to come to Lapointe in May to arrange summer business. Has ordered goods wanted for next year. Instructions for filling out order sheets. Urges Corbin to give first attention to furs. Re order that Indians be given absolutely no credit in advance of treaty. Enclosed in no. 7909. 4p.  
7910

Mar. 14 -- Lapointe -- From Frederick Baraga  
Authorization to sell his wines at Crooks's discretion. lp.  
7911

Mar. 14 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Re difficulty of getting furs and agreement with Dubay and Rolette to get furs. lp.  
7912

Mar. 14 -- Godrich -- William F. Gooding to William Brewster  
Details of recent collection and prices. Details of operations. Enclosed in no. 8031. 2p.  
7913

Mar. 14 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Returned from Rock river region March 12; difficult to buy furs there. Chicago people and peddlers paying high prices; competition sharp. Is sending bills to Brewster. lp.  
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Mar. 14 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Re matter of bill of Senators W. G. and G. W. Ewing in Senate. Ewings are in Logansport; Benjamin F. Hollister has gone there to control Grover. 2p.  
7915

Mar. 14 -- Grafton, New York -- From Justina McLeod  
Miss McLeod agrees to accept position at Lapointe for three years. Is ready for journey at once. 2p.  
7916

Mar. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell  
Will delay leaving for the West in order to discuss business affairs with Crooks. Details of Winnebago claims. 2p.  
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Mar. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts. Have sent to Lindley for tanned skins. lp. (French)  
7918

Mar. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Directions about certain draft from Missouri. Do not wish Laidlaw & Company's draft discounted. lp.  
7919

Mar. 14 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Will authorize Henry firm and Cutler to draw drafts. Enclose copy of account sales rendered by Lampson. lp.  
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- Mar. 15 -- Logansport -- From W. D. Grover  
Details his action on Ewing's bill in legislature; bill passed Senate, failed in House. Ewings discredited. Ewings have not purchased for a month. Ewings have tried to transfer market to Peru; Grover bought large collection there at low price. Company purchases will be twice those of 1839. Handling of furs much improved. 2p. 7921
- Mar. 15 -- Hartford -- From Ezra S. Hamilton  
Encloses check for proceeds of certain note. 1p. 7922
- Mar. 15 -- New York -- From Henry H. Elliott  
Circular -- Elliott has become member of brokerage firm of Tracy, Gould & Co. 1p. 7923
- Mar. 15 -- Muskegon -- William Lashy to William Brewster  
Is sending his furs to Mackinac; would like to borrow buckskins of Company agents for wrappers. Enclosed in no. 8031. 1p. 7924
- Mar. 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Encloses draft to be endorsed. L.B.O. 12:114-115 7925
- Mar. 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks, Philadelphia  
Re offer of Chinese vermilion. Re drafts from Nourse. L.B.O. 12:116 7926
- Mar. 16 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegans  
Will forward skins by schooner. Requests Company to obtain insurance. 1p. 7927
- Mar. 16 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Encloses remittance. 1p. 7928
- Mar. 16 -- St. Joseph's -- T. E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Going to Grand Rapids; Keeler sent to Muskegon and White River. Indian trader making last trip. Enclosed in no. 8005. 1p. 7929
- Mar. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. 1p. (French) 7930
- Mar. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of drafts. Have secured some notes from Bromley. 1p. 7931
- Mar. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.O. 12:117 7932

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Mar. 17 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Remarks on matters in enclosed letters. Brig will be able to go up first week in April. Franchere had to go to St. Louis for funds. Encloses nos. 7755, 7807, 7812, 7825, 7837, 7853, and 7880. lp. 7933

Mar. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Details of drafts. Re shipment of skins. Will forward equipment to the Sacs. lp. (French) 7934

Mar. 17 -- Evansville, Ind. -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Drafts payable. lp.

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Mar. 17 -- Kirklin -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per Furey)  
Draft drawn. lp.

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Mar. 17 -- Lachine -- From James Keith

Agreement between Hudson's Bay Company and American Fur Company extended two years. lp. 7937

Mar. 17 -- South Bend -- Edward V. Cicott to William Brewster

Would like to contract with the Company for furs. Details of offer. Enclosed in no. 8005. lp. 7938

Mar. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell

Regrets that Crooks is detained in Washington. Will endeavor to secure information in New York on affairs of Root & Leonard. Hopes Crooks will secure adjustment of difficulties in Winnebago claims. lp. 7939

Mar. 17 -- Washington -- From J. F. A. Sanford

Encloses drafts on Secretary of War to be credited to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. lp. 7940

Mar. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to M. B. Menard,  
Galveston

Will credit bill of exchange to account of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. Prospect of furs and skins has not improved. L.B.C. 12:118 7941

Mar. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Merle & Co., New Orleans

Has received documents relating to loss of deer skins on certain steamer. Crooks is absent from New York. Encloses letter for Menard. L.B.C. 12:119 7942

Mar. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Chouteau & Mackenzie,  
St. Louis

Discussion of expenses for transportation of lead. Has shipped wine. Crooks is in Washington. Trade is lamentably dull. L.B.C. 12:120-121 7943



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- Mar. 18 -- New York -- To Sargent Bros., Birmingham  
 Regrets that some guns were inferior in workmanship. Indians are severe critics of firearms. Encloses draft in payment. L.B.O. 12:127-128 7944
- Mar. 18 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
 Details of accounts. L.B.O. 12:129 7945
- Mar. 18 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Discussion of accounts. Report of Lampson's deer skin sale is cheering. Hopes furs will sell as well. L.B.O. 12:130-131 7946
- Mar. 18 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
 Re accounts. No cloths should exceed 20 yards in length. Indians are very particular. Discussion of need of exact understanding of supplies needed by Company. L.B.O. 12:132-133 7947
- Mar. 18 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Crooks will investigate carefully the affairs of Root & Leonard. Expects that debts of Root & Leonard will take all their assets. Encloses copy of letter to Sargents. Details of accounts. Discussion of quality of Sargent's guns. Has received catalogs of fur sales. Result of deer skin sale surpassed Company's expectations. L.B.O. 12:134-36 7948
- Mar. 18 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
 Are giving attention to orders received. Have forwarded blankets at earlier date than required. 2p. 7949
- Mar. 18 -- Manchester -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
 Circular -- Re changes in membership of firm. 1p. 7950
- Mar. 18 -- Milwaukee -- Solomon Juneau to William Brewster  
 Wants instructions as to whether he shall compete with buyers at high prices. Enclosed in no. 8031. 1p. 7951
- Mar. 18 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
 More than \$50,000 has been sent to Logansport during the season. 1p. 7952
- Mar. 18 -- Logansport -- From John Furey  
 Has drawn draft. Benjamin F. Hollister is in town. 1p. 7953
- Mar. 18 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
 Order for supplies. Completion of wood contract. Northern Lake Company have their ship over the portage. Re sailing of various ships of the American Fur Company with cargoes. 1p. 7954

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- Mar. 18 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Mourse  
Papers for Winnebago claims will go to House on March 20;  
expects no difficulties. lp. 7955
- Mar. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have received invoices for blankets and knives. Discussion  
of difficulties to collect damages in connection with wrecked  
steamboat. Advise reduction in order for blankets. Have for-  
warded deer skins and furs. Pleased that Fleming's decision is  
so favorable. lp. (French) 7956
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to T. P. St. John, Ithaca  
Requests return of protested note. L.B.O. 12:137 7957
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Stillman & Hills,  
Hartford  
Requests settlement of note. L.B.O. 12:138 7958
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson & Son, Baltimore  
Encloses Menard's bill of exchange to be accepted. L.B.O.  
12:139 7959
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.O. 12:140 7960
- Mar. 19 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Crooks's visit to Washington was without success. Govern-  
ment has no resources. Details of drafts. Green blankets have  
not arrived. Underwriters direct that damaged skin be sold.  
Details of drafts. Re low price of lead. L.B.O. 12:141-143 7961
- Mar. 19 -- Georgetown -- From Daniel Kurts  
Notice that Winnebago papers will be sent to Committee  
March 20. Crooks should be in Washington by March 23. lp. 7962
- Mar. 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Stephen A. Nidelet  
Details of quantity and prices of Turkey red shawls which  
Crooks saw when in Philadelphia. Has found one house that has  
American army mackinac blankets, 6 bales at \$6 per pair. Siter,  
Price & Co. will write Crooks on subject of grey list clothes.  
lp. 7963
- Mar. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re skins shipped. Details of documents in the matter of  
the steamboat accident. lp. (French) 7964
- Mar. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts. Have received abstract of account cur-  
rent, which is correct. lp. (French) 7965

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- Mar. 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Unable to find any gray list cloth in market. Instructions  
about inclosed drafts. lp. 7966
- Mar. 19 -- Stamford -- From Edward Hill  
Encloses certain draft paid March 18. 1967
- Mar. 19 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Details directions from Henry firm for forwarding goods. 7968
- Mar. 20 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Company of Americans bound for Superior has succeeded in  
transporting vessel over portage. Business dull. Thinks Company  
will have refusal of Biddle and Drew's furs. lp. 7969
- Mar. 20 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses order for goods, etc. [Not enclosed.] Wishes  
Crooks to sell surplus saddles. lp. 7970
- Mar. 20 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown, D. C.  
Expects deer skins from St. Louis soon. Re prices. L.B.C.  
12:144 7971
- Mar. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Edward Hill, Stamford  
Has received remittance for note collected. L.B.C. 12:145  
7972
- Mar. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to E. F. Jenkins, New  
Orleans  
Details of lead forwarded by Jenkins. L.B.C. 12:146 7973
- Mar. 20 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Re accounts. Is pleased that Winnebago claims are likely  
to be paid. Does not wish to go to Washington unless needed.  
Encloses order on Secretary of War for entire amount, \$82,444.91,  
of Winnebago certificates. Will accept Treasury notes in pay-  
ment. L.B.C. 12:147-148 7974
- Mar. 20 -- Evansville -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster  
Left Shawneetown March 8. Operations of Franchere and  
Spafford; Hunt's movements. Expects to send 1200 packs from  
Evansville. Enclosed in no. 8258. lp. 7975
- Mar. 20 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover  
Drafts drawn. lp. 7976
- Mar. 20 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Details of payment of accounts. lp. 7977

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Mar. 20 -- Philadelphia -- From Peter Powell

Describes efforts to secure information about liabilities of Root & Leonard. Regrets inability to see Crooks. Requests information re delay in payment by government of Winnebago claims. Will leave for St. Louis, Mar. 20. 2p.

7978

Mar. 20 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Beyer & Co.

Re payment of draft. 1p.

7979

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London

Crooks is unable to reply to Lampson's letters, due to summons to Washington. L.B.C. 12:149

7980

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To Joel R. Poinsett, Washington

Encloses bill of lading for fish. Discussion of quality of lake fish and desire to increase demand for them. L.B.C. 12:150

7981

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To T. Hartley Crawford, Washington

Encloses bill of lading for fish. L.B.C. 12:151

7982

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To Daniel Kurtz, Georgetown

Encloses bill of lading for fish. Company desires to introduce lake fish into seaboard markets. Indians and half-breeds draw support from fisheries since game has diminished. L.B.C. 12:152

7983

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To James D. Doty, Washington

Has advised postmaster at Green Bay of Doty's directions. Encloses certain claims under Menominee treaty of 1836 to be collected. L.B.C. 12:153

7984

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Will protect drafts. Re directions for sale of damaged deer skins. L.B.C. 12:154

7985

Mar. 21 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Details of accounts. L.B.C. 12:155

7986

Mar. 21 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegass, New Orleans

Encloses bill of lading for fish to be forwarded to Chouteau & Mackenzie. Merle & Co. can supply directions about shipping Company goods. L.B.C. 12:156

7987

Mar. 21 -- Milwaukee -- Solomon Juneau to William Brewster

Details of operations. Enclosed in no. 8031. 1p.

7988

Mar. 21 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegass

Details of arrangements for forwarding skins. Re freight rates. 1p.

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- Mar. 21 -- Grandville -- T. E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Details of operations. Enclosed in no. 8031. 1p. 7990
- Mar. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of drafts. 1p. (French) 7991
- Mar. 22 -- Washington -- From Ramsay Crooks  
Re directions about receiving imported goods, and about  
sale of property. 2p. 7992
- Mar. 22 -- Wilmington -- From Ramsay Crooks  
Advises that importations from Europe be entered, if nec-  
essary, to prevent their going to public store. 1p. 7993
- Mar. 22 -- Logansport -- N. D. Grover to William Brewster  
Movements of Ewings' agents. Company agents will probably  
purchase about \$2,000 worth of furs in Louisville, etc. Pur-  
chases are being collected at Logansport. Hunters are sending  
in large lots. Raccoon skins very good. Enclosed in no. 8031.  
2p. 7994
- Mar. 22 -- Danville -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per Furey)  
N. D. Grover's buyers do Company more harm than Ewings.  
Grover will not admit having men out. 1p. 7995
- Mar. 22 -- St. Francisville, Missouri -- From Henry J. Campbell  
Inquires about property that belonged to Joshua Palen at  
Poughkeepsie. 1p. 7996
- Mar. 22 -- Washington -- From Charles de Montholon  
Asks to have all his cases and wine shipped to Washington,  
as he has rented a house. 2p. 7997
- Mar. 23 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose proceeds of certain notes. 1p. 7998
- Mar. 23 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Enclose invoice for goods forwarded to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co. to be shipped. Consider these blankets of superior brand.  
1p. 7999
- Mar. 23 -- Washington -- From Arthur L. Magenis  
Asks Crooks to forward letter. Magenis starts for the  
West, March 23. 1p. 8000
- Mar. 23 -- Bank of Burlington -- From R. G. Cole (Cashier)  
Encloses draft in payment of note. 1p. 8001
- Mar. 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received report of sale of beaver in England. Re small  
profit on beaver. 1p. (French) 8002

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- Mar. 23 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Order for skins; directions about payment. 1p. 8003
- Mar. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Instructions about drafts and notes. 1p. 8004
- Mar. 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Encloses nos. 7819, 7868, 7869, 7885, 7892, 7903, 7929,  
7938, 8006, 8007, and 8008. 1p. 8005
- Mar. 24 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Moses D. Burnet  
Orders 2,600 barrels of coarse salt; to be delivered to  
Bronson & Crocker of Oswego. Enclosed in no. 8005. 1p. 8006
- Mar. 24 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to L. M. Taylor  
Prices Taylor asks for furs too high; will return his col-  
lection if desired; would be glad if Taylor would fasten them on  
the Ewings at these prices. Would like consignment from Taylor's  
brother; prices of lard and pork. Enclosed in no. 8005. 2p. 8007
- Mar. 24 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Edward V. Cicott  
Would be glad if he would sell offered collection to the  
Company's competitors at prices quoted. Enclosed in no. 8005.  
1p. 8008
- Mar. 24 -- Washington -- From Ramsay Crooks  
Re delay of Winnebago treaty. Details of Company's funds.  
2p. 8009
- Mar. 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Has received remittance of proceeds of notes collected.  
L.B.C. 12:157 8010
- Mar. 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 12:158 8011
- Mar. 24 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Encloses check and drafts for \$4,000 to apply on account.  
Has few robes to return according to agreement. 1p. 8012
- Mar. 24 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegae  
Re additional skins received from Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
to be forwarded. 1p. 8013
- Mar. 24 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. Details of arrangements for ship-  
ping goods from Cutler. 1p. 8014
- Mar. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re drafts to be collected. 1p. 8015

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Mar. 25 -- Washington -- From Ramsay Crooks

House of Representatives sat all night on Treasury Note Bill. Committee on Indian Affairs has not considered report on Winnebago treaty. Discussion of Company's funds. Prefers to borrow from Halsey. Does not doubt ultimate success of the Winnebago treaty. 2p.

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Mar. 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Has credited remittance on account. Will attend to robes which Knowers' propose to return. L.B.C. 12:159

8017

Mar. 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Encloses draft to be accepted. Wishes to know policy of Boston banks about discounting. L.B.C. 12:160

8018

Mar. 25 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister

Benjamin F. Hollister has returned from Logansport; details of his investigation of Grover's operations. Ewings not bidding at Logansport. Goes to Detroit, March 26. 2p.

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Mar. 25 -- Ithaca, New York -- From T. P. St. John (Cashier)

Returns under protest note of G. Henning & Sons. 1p.

8020

Mar. 26 -- Washington -- From Ramsay Crooks

Discussion of funds needed, and persons likely to make loans. War office report on Winnebago treaty has been referred to Committee on Indian Affairs; expects objection to paying claims to be withdrawn. 2p.

8021

Mar. 26 -- New York -- From George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks

Details of importations received and of duties to be paid. Re funds received. 1p.

8022

Mar. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Draft has been accepted. Will hold funds as directed. L.B.C. 12:161

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Mar. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to R. G. Cole, Bank of Burlington

Has received check in payment of note collected. L.B.C. 12:162

8024

Mar. 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Delay in replying to letter has been due to Crooks' absence from New York. Discussion of accounts. L.B.C. 12:163-164

8025

Mar. 26 -- Burlington -- From B. F. Hollister (Per Furey)

Draft drawn. 1p.

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- Mar. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks  
Re importations received and amount of duties. lp. 3027
- Mar. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ramsay Crooks,  
Philadelphia  
Re arrival of importations. Duties will amount to \$4,000.  
L.B.C. 12:165 8028
- Mar. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion about drafts. lp. 8029
- Mar. 28 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Directions about enclosed draft. lp. 8030
- Mar. 28 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Regrets Winnebago money has to be obtained at St. Louis.  
Advises Crooks to put funds in Toronto bank for Gooding. Wm. G.  
Ewing told Hollister he would like to make an arrangement with  
the Company. Has told agents not to buy otter and mink. Ewings  
annoying in all sections still, but have not been able to buy  
because of lack of funds. Agents are packing furs; department  
will send 3,000 packs for season. Taylor's furs are going by  
way of Pittsburgh. Will make some fur purchases; Abbott opposes  
him. Does not object to Crooks's dealing with his agents direct-  
ly. Is glad that last of money due has been received from Treat  
and Carter. Parsons is in Detroit. Prices of provisions are  
low. No fish sales. Encloses nos. 7835, 7913, 7924, 7951, 7988,  
7990, and 7994. 3p. 8031
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. L.B.C. 12:166 8032
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pratte, Chouteau &  
Co., St. Louis  
Crooks is making third trip to Washington on account of  
Winnebago treaty. Crooks has hopes Winnebago affairs will be  
settled satisfactorily. Re low prices of lead. L.B.C. 12:167-  
168 8033
- Mar. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
& Co., St. Louis  
Crooks will advise about high prices for peltries. L.B.C.  
12:169 8034
- Mar. 28 -- Logansport -- From Benjamin F. Hollister (per Furey)  
Draft drawn closes business in part of Illinois assigned to  
Furey. lp. 8035
- Mar. 28 -- Monroeville -- From Charles Hollister  
Paying very high for skins. lp. 8036
- Mar. 28 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Many peddlers and fur buyers have appeared on Rock river;



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pay high prices in land office money. Raccoon very scarce. Cannot obtain premium on New York drafts. lp. 8037

Mar. 28 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Encloses bill of lading. lp. 8038

Mar. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Directions about funds to be retained and to be remitted.  
lp. 8039

Mar. 29 -- Evansville -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster  
Ewings' agents run up prices but if they get the collection  
then they back out; Company agents must be warned. Will send  
225 packs. Gatewood prefers to make arrangements with the Com-  
pany rather than with young Stone of Dayton. Does not think  
raccoon collection of former would be good. Details of prices of  
furs quoted from St. Louis paper. Enclosed in no. 8258. 2p. 8040

Mar. 29 -- College Point -- From John Spotswood Garland  
Wants some money to pay share of school boat. 2p. 8041

Mar. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to T. P. St. John, Ithaca  
Re protested note. L.B.C. 12:170 8042

Mar. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to P. Wells, Troy  
Encloses note for collection. L.B.C. 12:171 8043

Mar. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Van Winkle & White,  
Louisville  
Encloses note for collection. Re directions for making  
remittance. L.B.C. 12:172 8044

Mar. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of drafts and notes. L.B.C. 12:173 8045

Mar. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ezra S. Hamilton,  
Hartford, Connecticut  
Encloses note to be paid. Re claim against Stillman &  
Hills. L.B.C. 12:174 8046

Mar. 30 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for shipment of fish. Re prices. Wine  
was shipped at direction of Mackenzie. Re condition of lead  
market. L.B.C. 12:175 8047

Mar. 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Crooks may have another trip to Washington. House of Repre-  
sentatives had advised suspension of payments under Winnebago  
treaty. Endless delay is a serious annoyance. McKay will leave  
April 2 to procure coopers for Lapointe, and expects to reach  
Detroit by April 15. L.B.C. 12:176 8048

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- Mar. 30 -- Dundas -- From James B. Ewart  
Directions about funds and accounts. lp. 8049
- Mar. 30 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Has drawn draft on Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. for amount  
of invoice. Annexes statement of account. No change in prices  
of goods. lp. 8050
- Mar. 30 -- Troy -- From Lookwood & Co.  
Have shipped 41 bales of robes to the Company. Money very  
hard to get; impossible to sell robes. lp. 8051
- Mar. 30 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Is pressing the Company's claims. lp. 8052
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Jacob Hamsburg, Georgetown, D. C.  
Will fill order for skins as soon as skins arrive from the  
West. L.B.O. 12:177 8053
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Doty promises every exertion to push Winnebago claims thru  
the Committee, who will recommend a future allowance to Stam-  
baugh's constituents. Requests Nourse to persuade Stambaugh  
to be satisfied with proposed arrangement. L.B.O. 12:178 8054
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- To James D. Doty, Washington  
Crooks approves Doty's plan in Winnebago affairs. L.B.O.  
12:179 8055
- Mar. 31 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Directions about draft. Requests remittance on account.  
L.B.O. 12:180 8056
- Mar. 31 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion about drafts. lp. 8057
- Mar. 31 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have accepted draft of Henry firm on Company's account  
for goods forwarded. lp. 8058
- Apr. -- -- Louisville -- Van Winkle & White to Stephen A. Halsey  
Extract -- Have sold racoon and deer skins to Ewings to  
amount of \$10,000. Re prices. Have not yet delivered these  
skins. Ewings offer to pay either in drafts on Suydam, Sage &  
Co. or in Kentucky funds. Wish to know standing of Suydam, Sage  
& Co. Discussion of action of the Company in not sending agent  
to Louisville to purchase peltries. Present prices are very high.  
Sp. (Detroit Dept. Papers). 8059

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- Apr. 1 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Goods have arrived in port. Re accounts. L.B.C. 12:181  
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- Apr. 1 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Goods have not been landed; has received invoice. L.B.C.  
12:182 8061
- Apr. 1 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Goods have arrived in port. L.B.C. 12:183 8062
- Apr. 1 -- New York -- To George Simpson, Hudson's Bay House,  
London  
Keith has received Company's notice of continuance of agree-  
ment between Hudson's Bay Company and the Company. Experience  
of 1840 will show whether any further arrangements are necessary.  
Company will arrange for supply of salt, if Simpson so desires.  
Expects fish sales to be slow; Company cannot purchase Hudson's  
Bay Company's catch in 1840. L.B.C. 12:184-185 8063
- Apr. 1 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Lines and twines have not been landed. Re catalogs re-  
ceived. The Company is satisfied that Lampson received better  
prices for beaver than did the others. Discussion of muskrat  
situation. Will ship skins later for spring sales. L.B.C. 12:  
186-187 8064
- Apr. 1 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. L.B.C. 12:188 8065
- Apr. 1 -- New York -- To Justina McLeod, Grafton  
Grooks is pleased that Miss McLeod will go to Lapointe for  
three years. McKay will be responsible for journey to the lakes.  
L.B.C. 12:189 8066
- Apr. 1 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Enclose draft to apply on account. lp. 8067
- Apr. 1 -- Hartford -- Peter Stillman to the Company  
States terms of settlement made by late firm of Stillman &  
Hills with their creditors. Propose same terms about note due  
the Company. lp. 8068
- Apr. 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose drafts to be collected. lp. 8069
- Apr. 1 -- Troy -- From P. Wells (Cashier)  
Has received note to be collected. lp. 8070

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- Apr. 2 -- Detroit -- Contract made by William Brewster with Edward V. Cicott and Alexis Coquillard  
Cicott and Coquillard to sell skins on hand to the Company and purchase for the Company until May 1840. Details of prices the Company will pay; method of payment. Gives details of skins not to be accepted; examination of skins; skins are to be delivered to Theodore E. Phelps. Details terms of purchasing. Enclosed in no. 8090. 2p. 8071
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- To Charles de Montholon, Washington  
Has forwarded Montholon's furniture and wine. Re charges. L.B.C. 12:190 8072
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Has credited check on account. Has received robes and corrected account. L.B.C. 12:191 8073
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has credited check on account. Drafts have been accepted. L.B.C. 12:192 8074
- Apr. 2 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Is grateful for Nourse's influence with the Committee on Indian Affairs. As payment of Winnebago claims is without doubt, Crooks desires \$10,000 by return mail. L.B.C. 12:193 8075
- Apr. 2 -- Shawneetown, Illinois -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Will ship 200 - 225 packs soon. Details efforts to get funds for Spafford. Gives description of what Spafford has bought. 2p. 8076
- Apr. 2 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re directions about certain payments. Have forwarded deer skins. Chouteau wishes blanket order given by Sanford cancelled. lp. (French) 8077
- Apr. 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Re change in order for skins. Finds business dull in Philadelphia. lp. 8078
- Apr. 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion of drafts accepted and drafts protested. Have received payment of one of Bromley's notes. lp. 8079
- Apr. 3 -- New York -- To Peter Hagner, Auditor, Treasury Department  
Encloses bill of lading for half-barrel of fish, sent at request of Clark of Fort Winnebago. L.B.C. 12:194 8080
- Apr. 3 -- New York -- To Thomas McKean, Washington  
Encloses bill of lading for half-barrel of lake fish. The Company desires to have lake fish better known. L.B.C. 12:195 8081

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Apr. 3 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
 Details of accounts. Discusses change in keeping of accounts.  
 Encloses order for goods. L.B.O. 12:196 8082

Apr. 3 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
 Encloses abstract of account. Discussion of documents wanted  
 by the insurance company in the case of a certain steamer. Re ad-  
 ditional blankets purchased. Regret embarrassment of Merle & Co.  
 Chouteau should overcome opponents who are buying furs. Re pros-  
 pects of fur market. The Company fears that too much caution  
 will give strength to rivals. Re increase of freight rates from  
 New Orleans. L.B.O. 12:197-200 8083

Apr. 3 -- Detroit -- G. W. Ewing to William Brewster  
 Suggests agreement like Chouteau's be made with the Com-  
 pany, or agreement about districts of operations. Until settle-  
 ment is made, suggests both companies promise not to interfere  
 with contracts of the other. Enclosed in no. 8090. 1p. 8084

Apr. 3 -- Ste. Genevieve -- From Menard, Vallé & Co.  
 Enclose bill of lading for furs shipped to New Orleans to  
 be forwarded by J. Mager. Ask Crooks to sell furs and retain  
 proceeds subject to later orders. 1p. 8085

Apr. 3 -- Chipping Norton, England -- Samuel Palmer to the Com-  
 pany  
 Requests information from the Company about Mr. Palmer at  
 St. Louis. 1p. 8086

Apr. 3 -- St. Joseph's -- Theodore E. Phelps to William Brewster  
 Going to Michigan City to attend auction of furs; wishes ad-  
 vice about prices. Ewings' agent, Griggs, is competing. Will  
 go to Grand River and Muskegon. Enclosed in no. 8258. 1p. 8087

Apr. 3 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Re enclosed drafts. 1p. 8088

Apr. 4 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
 Re proceeds of certain drafts. Will remit account of robes.  
 1p. 8089

Apr. 4 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
 G. W. Ewing confessed that persons in New York persuaded  
 them to violate agreement with the Company. Pays high price for  
 Coquillard's skins to get his large collection. Encloses nos.  
 8071, 8084, and 8106. 1p. 8090

Apr. 4 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
 Goods have been landed in good order. L.B.O. 12:201 8091

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- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Goods have been landed in good order. Will forward skins  
to London. L.B.C. 12:202 8092
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Discussion of accounts. Will ship deer skins. Grateful  
for Lampson's opinion on beaver and deer skins. Details of  
Crooks's advice to Chouteau. Discussion of Company's rivalry  
with Ewings. Present campaign ought to convince Ewings that they  
cannot overcome the Company. L.B.C. 12:203:204 8093
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Gives details of accounts. Is grateful for attention to  
claim against Bromley. L.B.C. 12:205 8094
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ezra S. Hamilton,  
Hartford  
Discussion of Stillman's proposal to settle claim. Encloses  
notes. L.B.C. 12:206-207 8095
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter Stillman, Hart-  
ford  
Has forwarded Stillman & Hills's note. Hamilton is author-  
ized to make settlement. L.B.C. 12:208 8096
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Joseph Pearson & Son,  
Baltimore  
Re directions for remittance of proceeds of certain draft.  
L.B.C. 12:209 8097
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To William Maxwell, Cashier, Chemung Canal  
Bank, Elmira  
Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.C. 12:210 8098
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Gives details of drafts and notes. L.B.C. 12:211 8099
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Stephen E. Nidelet, Philadelphia  
Re order for Turkey red shawls. Re directions for payment.  
L.B.C. 12:212 8100
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Bronson & Crocker, Oswego, New York  
Brewster has accepted terms of Bronson & Crocker to trans-  
port salt to Detroit. Whole quantity of salt ordered from Bur-  
net is 2600 barrels. L.B.C. 12:213 8101
- Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Moses D. Burnet, Syracuse  
Re Brewster's order for salt. Has given directions to  
Bronson & Crocker. Requests that salt be furnished at dates set  
by Brewster. Experiment of packing salt in tight fish barrels

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was not satisfactory. L.B.C. 12:214-215

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Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau &amp; Co., St. Louis

Regrets that beaver sold so poorly in London. Beaver could not be sold at all in New York. Company has no doubt of soundness of Lampson's judgment. Depression of all business upset Lampson's calculations. Unfortunate Winnebago affairs have required much of Crooks's time at Washington. Will render account current for 1839 soon. L.B.C. 12:216-217

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Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. &amp; Co., St. Louis

In accordance with Chouteau's private letter to Crooks, purchases for Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. will be suspended until further directions are received. L.B.C. 12:218

8104

Apr. 4 -- New York -- To Merle &amp; Co., New Orleans

Peltries have arrived in good order. Regrets that Company business must temporarily pass from the hands of Merle & Co. L.B.C. 12:219

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Apr. 4 -- Detroit -- George W. Ewing to William Brewster

Absurdity of rivalry such as has obtained for last two years. Suggestions about agreement between the companies. Enclosed in no. 8090. 2p.

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Apr. 4 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse

Re efforts to press claims in the House Committee. 1p.

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Apr. 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price &amp; Co.

Have received shipment of cotton from Notrebe & Wait. Details prices of cotton. Ask for samples of cotton sold by the Company. 1p.

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Apr. 5 -- Evansville -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster

Has been to Shawneetown for money. Difference between his and Spafford's estimates due to his being estimate of furs on hand. No cause to worry about Spafford's advances as collectors are delivering furs for contracts. Has \$50,000 worth of furs in store. Gives reasons for Spafford needing large amount of money when he travels. Remarks about certain furs. Competition with Ewings' agents. Furey's runners in the region create distrust of the Company by offering higher prices than Franchere. Spafford is going to Kentucky towns, etc. Franchere will be unable to leave before July; employing twelve men. Enclosed in no. 8258. 2p.

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Apr. 5 -- St. Joseph's -- Theodore E. Phelps to William Brewster

Operations of Company agent at Alligan. Re fur offer Cicott received. The Company, not Ewings, will get Grand River skins. Enclosed in no. 8258. 2p.

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- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Stocking & Hunt, Utica  
Requests remittance for robes. Unsold packs may be re-  
turned. L.B.O. 12:220 8111
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses account current. Requests remittance. Re settle-  
ment for damaged robes of 1839. L.B.O. 12:221 8112
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- George Ehniager to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Re fall in price of cotton. Will obtain samples of cotton  
if possible. L.B.O. 12:222 8113
- Apr. 6 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Details condition of deer skins received from St. Louis.  
Discussion of deer skin market. Brewster's agents report that  
Ewings have purchased many lots at extravagant prices. Ewings  
are doing little at present. Expects large collection from the  
west. L.B.O. 12:223-225 8114
- Apr. 6 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler  
Gives details of arrangements for filling orders. Re delay  
in shipment from Henry & Co. lp. 8115
- Apr. 6 -- Galveston -- From M. B. Menard  
Is unable to obtain furs because of Indian war of previous  
summer, which resulted in nearly all of the Indians being remov-  
ed out of the country. Remarks about draft of March 1. 2p. 8116
- Apr. 6 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Re the Company's claims in Committee. lp. 8117
- Apr. 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Instructions about drafts. Inquire about goods expected  
from customs house. Offer to forward goods purchased by Crooks.  
lp. 8118
- Apr. 6 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Sons  
Have received Menard's draft and will remit net proceeds  
when paid. lp. 8119
- Apr. 7 -- New Orleans -- From John Mager  
Has forwarded peltries at order of Menard & Vallé. lp. 8120  
(French)
- Apr. 7 -- Albany -- A. Whitney to the Company  
Canals will open April 20. lp. 8121



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- Apr. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re shipment of deer skins. Remit draft to be collected and  
credited on account. 1p. (French) 8122
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Re directions about merchandise to be forwarded to St. Louis.  
Wishes advice about transportation rates from Philadelphia. Ex-  
pects to ship much freight via Pittsburgh. Has arranged insur-  
ance. L.B.C. 12:225 8123
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Re order for goods. Encloses sample of beads. L.B.C. 12:226  
8124
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details drafts and accounts. L.B.C. 12:227 8125
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To J. B. Farribault, Fort Snelling  
Crooks is ready to convey Farribault's island to the United  
States as soon as payment is ready. Interference of Major Plymp-  
ton and Taliaferro has complicated business, details of which  
Poinsett's report shows. Crooks expects appropriation to be  
made by Congress. Re Stambaugh's charges for attention to Farri-  
bault's affairs. L.B.C. 12:228 8126
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Payment of Winnebago claims has been suspended by Congress.  
Re Stambaugh's protest before the Committee on Indian Affairs.  
Expects final settlement soon. Crooks is heartily tired of  
whole vexed question. Stambaugh has worked zealously for Farri-  
bault's interest. Crooks considers Stambaugh entitled to extra  
remuneration. Discussion of advisability of selling New Hope  
establishment to the government as an Indian agency. Is pleas-  
ed that the Sioux at Red Cedar are doing well. Trade never was  
so dull. Expects very limited demand for skins. Gives details  
of prices for various kinds of skins. Only hope for others is  
that trade with China will be reopened. L.B.C. 12:229-231 8127
- Apr. 7 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses draft. Re directions for marking merchandise.  
L.B.C. 12:232 8128
- Apr. 7 -- Louisville -- James M. Spafford to William Brewster  
Advances on collections are safe and necessary. Gives de-  
tails of purchasing operations in Louisville; complains that  
Grover, etc. invade his district and pay high prices. Is going  
to Madison and Vincennes. William Stone threatens to buy for  
Ewings because Spafford buys in his territory. Enclosed in no.  
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- Apr. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Discuss contents of letters from the Company. lp. 8130
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay  
Desires Mitchell to remain in charge of the Company's  
business. Re directions for shipping. L.B.C. 12:233 8131
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Lead is in storage. Does not expect much improvement in  
market. L.B.C. 12:234 8132
- Apr. 8 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Has ordered goods from England. Re accounts. Company  
needs money. Has paid Throckmorton as Dousman directed. Has  
had endless trouble in re Winnebago claims. Encloses letter for  
Sibley. Sales of deer skins in London have been good. Beaver  
sells very poorly. L.B.C. 12:235-237 8133
- Apr. 8 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Details about forwarding skins. lp. 8134
- Apr. 8 -- Dayton -- From Richard Ames  
Grover wants to pay for furs in drafts. Requests informa-  
tion from the Company about value of Grover's drafts. lp. 8135
- Apr. 8 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Examination of Satterlee Clark is finished; latter thinks  
there will be no difficulty about claims. lp. 8136
- Apr. 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Will send receipt for goods forwarded to Pittsburgh; will  
send duplicate to Ronaud. Re certain note. lp. 8137
- Apr. 9 -- Hudson's Bay House, London -- From George Simpson  
Is glad that the Company's opponents at Cleveland are not  
likely to affect the Company's interests materially. Hudson's  
Bay agents in charge at the Sault and Lake Superior have instruc-  
tions to render any assistance desired by the Company. Will make  
arrangements about Company supplying salt to Hudson's Bay Co.  
and taking fish in return. Is gratified that Crooks will con-  
tinue agreement with Hudson's Bay Company. 3p. 8138
- Apr. 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have marked bales as directed. lp. 8139
- Apr. 9 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. lp. 8140
- Apr. 9 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Requests that any aid required be given to McKay. Re direc-  
tions for forwarding articles from Montreal. L.B.C. 12:238 8141

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Apr. 10 -- Oswego -- From Bronson & Croker

Have received from Company the acceptance of proposition for transportation of salt from Syracuse to Detroit. lp. 8142

Apr. 10 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh

Re merchandise forwarded to Ronaud. Gives directions for shipping to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. Wishes information on navigation of the Ohio river. L.B.C. 12:239 8143

Apr. 10 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

The Company is highly pleased with instructions Brewster gave Oicotte and Taylor. Wishes directions about disposal of Taylor's muskrats. Discussion of purchases made by agents, and bad financial management. Better arrangements must be made in the future. Returns should be hurried forward. Encloses protested draft. L.B.C. 12:240-244 8144

Apr. 10 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 12:246 8145

Apr. 10 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington

Details shipment of deer skins to Lampson. Re quality of 1840 skins. Lack of home demand will force large shipments of deer skins to Europe. Lines and twines have been delivered. L.B.C. 12:248-249 8146

Apr. 10 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re draft drawn. Has forwarded deer skins to Lampson. L.B.C. 12:250 8147

Apr. 10 -- Fort Wayne -- George W. Ewing to William Brewster

Will oppose Company next year in New York, Detroit, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. Determined to have share of fur business. Has good financial backing. Suggests consolidation of the Company, Pratt, Chouteau & Co., and Ewing & Co. Reasons for not liking broken arrangement of 1839. Suggests both companies refrain from bidding to put prices up. Enclosed in no. 8334. 2p. 8148

Apr. 10 -- Michigan City -- From N. D. Grover

Drafts have been drawn. lp. 8149

Apr. 10 -- Montreal -- From J. Gordon Mackenzie

Has forwarded lady's work-box, according to instructions from McKay. 2p. 8150

Apr. 10 -- Philadelphia -- From Stephen F. Nidelet

Re negotiations for purchase of Turkey red shawls. Description of shawls. lp. 8151

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- Apr. 10 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Report of the Committee has been delayed because of the illness of a witness. 1p. 8152
- Apr. 10 -- Michigan City -- Theodore E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Found upon arrival that Ewing agent had bought skins to be offered. Details of his purchases. Grover is in the city. Is going to South Bend, Muskegon, mouth of Grand River. Enclosed in no. 8256. 1p. 8153
- Apr. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re drafts. Hope Crooks's recent visit to Washington has been successful. 1p. 8154
- Apr. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have indirect news from Washington that the Company will secure money so long waited for. Re drafts drawn. 1p. 8155
- Apr. 10 -- Mackinac -- Henry R. Schoolcraft to T. Hartley Crawford  
Has given attention to charges against Berthkeht. Appeals for renewal of Berthkeht's license was disallowed. Thinks justice has been done in the case. (Northern Outfit Miscellaneous). 2p. 8156
- Apr. 10 -- South Bend -- L. M. Taylor to William Brewster  
Discusses prices wanted for his collection; gives details of his collection. Details Ewings operations. Enclosed in no. 8256. 1p. 8157
- Apr. 10 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Are trying to locate deserter from St. Mary's. Will forward Crooks's order. 1p. 8158
- Apr. 11 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet  
Agrees to all terms except date of delivery. 1p. 8159
- Apr. 11 -- New York -- To David Ellis, Troy  
Discussion of Ellis' non-payment of account, and action the Company will have to take. L.B.O. 12:251-252 8160
- Apr. 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re sample of cotton sent to Philadelphia. Encloses draft. L.B.O. 12:253 8161
- Apr. 11 -- New York -- To Stephen E. Widelet, Philadelphia  
Re directions to purchase Turkey red shawls. L.B.O. 12:254 8162

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- Apr. 11 -- New York -- To O. H. Niesegees, New Orleans  
Re directions for forwarding skins. L.B.O. 12:255 8163
- Apr. 11 -- New York -- To James B. Ewart, Dundas, Canada  
James Crooks has proceeded to Washington. Re Ewart's accounts with the Company. L.B.O. 12:256 8164
- Apr. 11 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Details drafts. Market for furs and skins has not changed. The Company wants skins only when obtained at fair prices. L.B.O. 12:257 8165
- Apr. 11 -- Indianapolis -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Transportation of furs to Logansport hindered by condition of roads; will have 75,000 skins on the road. Has sent 1500 from Muncietown. Enclosed in no. 8302. 1p. 8166
- Apr. 11 -- Fort Pleasant -- From John Garland  
Encloses check to be collected and credited on Garland's account with the Company. Garland is in command of a district comprising several posts. General Taylor is planning military movement. 2p. 8167
- Apr. 11 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korokhauss  
Re order partially filled. Details variety and quantity of beads. 1p. 8168
- Apr. 11 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Discussion about procuring cloth of required width. Request the Company to examine blankets sent to Suydam & Kevan for the government order. 2p. 8169
- Apr. 11 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Clerk of Committee says the Company's Winnebago claims will be favorably reported. 1p. 8170
- Apr. 11 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Give instructions about enclosed draft. 1p. 8171
- Apr. 11 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft. Expects to make additional remittance soon. 1p. 8172
- Apr. 12 -- Evansville -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster  
Has received shipment of 10,000 skins from Spafford at Louisville. Has shipped 230 packs of deer skins to New York via Pittsburgh; could not supervise assortment carefully. Spafford is in Louisville. Enclosed in no. 8334. 1p. 8173

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- Apr. 12 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Furs and packing account sent. Difficulties described.  
2p. 8174
- Apr. 12 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has received account sales. Is pleased that blankets are  
being forwarded. L.B.O. 12:259 8175
- Apr. 13 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Is pleased that blankets will be shipped early. L.B.O. 12:  
258 8176
- Apr. 13 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Will examine account of sales. Approves sale of muskrats  
at any price. L.B.O. 12:260 8177
- Apr. 13 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegass, New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for shipment to be forwarded to  
Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. L.B.O. 12:261 8178
- Apr. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. L.B.O. 12:262 8179
- Apr. 13 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Is pleased that Sanford arrived at St. Louis. Has shipped  
remainder of goods via Pittsburgh. Encloses report of spring  
sales in London. Minks and martins will be low. L.B.O. 12:263-  
264 8180
- Apr. 13 -- New York -- To Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown  
Has shipped deer skins which were just received. L.B.O. 12:  
265 8181
- Apr. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles J. Hourse,  
Washington  
Regrets continued delay in settlement of Winnebago claims.  
Encloses draft to be collected. L.B.O. 12:266 8182
- Apr. 13 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses copy of Lampson's communication. Hopes prices on  
raccoons will not advance. L.B.O. 12:267 8183
- Apr. 13 -- Hartford -- Ezra S. Hamilton to the Company  
Encloses check to be credited on note. Details certain  
notes and security. lp. 8184
- Apr. 13 -- Monroeville -- From Charles Hollister  
Drafts drawn. lp. 8185

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- Apr. 13 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Will ship skins as soon as the boat can get through to  
Buffalo. Skins being bought at losing prices. 2p. 8186
- Apr. 13 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Mourse  
Stambaugh has requested that Company's claims be allowed so  
that other matters may be discussed. 1p. 8187
- Apr. 13 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Are grateful for funds remitted and for samples of cotton.  
1p. 8188
- Apr. 13 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. 1p. 8189
- Apr. 14 -- New York -- To Charles J. Mourse, Washington  
Requests remittance of proceeds of Ramsburg's draft. Dis-  
cussion of policy of government in paying claims. The Company  
is much in need of funds. L.B.C. 12:268-269 8190
- Apr. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 12:270 8191
- Apr. 14 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Evansville  
All drafts have been accepted. Amount of bills drawn on  
the Company is very large. Desires skins to be forwarded rapid-  
ly. Raccoons sold at good prices at Lampson's sale. Gives  
prices for other peltries. Advises purchase at once of all rac-  
coons possible. L.B.C. 12:271-272 8192
- Apr. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Geisse & Korokhauss,  
Philadelphia  
Has received beads. L.B.C. 12:273 8193
- Apr. 14 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Re letter from Franchere. Has advised Franchere about  
further purchases. L.B.C. 12:274 8194
- Apr. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Richard Ames, Dayton  
Discusses value of Company's drafts. L.B.C. 12:275 8195
- Apr. 14 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Gives details of French blankets received. Will send all  
goods via Pittsburgh as directed by Sanford. L.B.C. 12:276 8196
- Apr. 14 -- Birmingham -- From Sargent Bros.  
Are gratified that Northwest guns are approved. Are pleas-  
ed that the Company pointed out defects in guns not well liked.  
Wish to be informed if guns are unsatisfactory to natives. De-  
sire to increase sale of Northwest guns. 1p. 8197

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- Apr. 14 -- New York -- From William Kemble  
DuPonts request instructions as to time for delivery of powder for the canal. 1p. 8198
- Apr. 14 -- New Orleans -- From O. R. Miesegans  
Encloses bill of lading. 1p. 8199
- Apr. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re drafts received. 1p. 8200
- Apr. 14 -- Troy -- From P. Wells (Cashier)  
Encloses draft for proceeds of note. 1p. 8201
- Apr. 14 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose copy of account sales rendered by Lampson. 2p. 8202
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re accounts. L.B.O. 12:277 8203
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Account of sales are correct. Raccoon sale has exceeded the Company's expectations. The Company expects larger returns than in 1839. Rivalry for skins has been general through out interior. G. W. Ewing has recently begun to Detroit to make terms with Brewster. L.B.O. 12:278-279 8204
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
Discusses time for shipping powder. L.B.O. 12:280 8205
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Ezra S. Hamilton, Present  
Gives details of accounts. L.B.O. 12:281 8206
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to G. W. Rogers, Cashier, Canal Bank, Lockport  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 12:282 8207
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to W. B. Welles, Utica  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 12:283 8208
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Thomas Palmer, Shenectady  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 12:284 8209
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has drawn drafts, according to permission given by Bates. L.B.O. 12:285 8210
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to James G. Carney, Cashier, Lowell Bank, Lowell  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 12:286 8211



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- Apr. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. D. Adams, Cashier,  
Housatonic Bank; Stockbridge, Massachusetts  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 12:287 8212
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Van Winkle & White,  
Louisville  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 12:288 8213
- Apr. 15 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Easton, Cash-  
ier, Bank of Lowville, Lowville  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 12:289 8214
- Apr. 15 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Gives details of drafts drawn. Bills have been sent to  
Brewster. Juneau's store has been robbed; all goods for Indian  
trade were taken, and furs. 1p. 8215
- Apr. 15 -- Buffalo -- From James McKay  
Has engaged three coopers at St. Catherine's. Gives terms  
of agreement with them. Draft on Parsons to be charged to his  
account. Orders goods for Miss McLeod. 3p. 8216
- Apr. 15 -- Washington -- From Peter Hagner  
Has received fish forwarded by the Company at the request  
of Hagner's friend. 1p. 8217
- Apr. 15 -- Warrenville, Illinois -- From J. M. Merritt  
Details certain chain sent to the Company store in the  
spring. 1p. 8218
- Apr. 15 -- Philadelphia -- From Stephen E. Nidelet  
Has purchased and paid for 28 dozen Turkey red shawls at  
\$5.25 per dozen. Has forwarded the same. Sorry New Yorkers are  
still Loco Focos. 2p. 8219
- Apr. 16 -- New York -- To J. Gordon Mackenzie, Montreal  
Box from McKay has arrived safely. L.B.O. 12:290 8220
- Apr. 16 -- Troy -- From David Ellis  
Will go to New York and try to arrange payment due the Com-  
pany. 1p. 8221
- Apr. 16 -- New York -- To P. Wells, Troy  
Has received proceeds of note collected. L.B.O. 12:291 8222
- Apr. 16 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Discusses order for additional goods. L.B.O. 12:292 8223

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Apr. 16 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Evansville

Franchere should advise the Company of all drafts drawn. Brewster has reported G. W. Ewing to be in Detroit and making overtures to "bury the tomahawk". Re warning not to trust the Ewings, and not to allow them to gain any advantage. L.B.C. 12:293 8224

Apr. 16 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh, Ohio

Crooks has confidence in Grover, and thinks he has run sharp competition with the Ewings. Re Ewing's overture to Brewster at Detroit. All agents should beware of Ewings. Hopes that 1841 will be less toilsome. Needs returns at once in order to meet payments. L.B.C. 12:294-295 8225

Apr. 16 -- New York -- To N. D. Grover, Logansport

The Company is grateful for Grover's stand against antagonists. Re Ewing's visit to Brewster at Detroit. Sale of raccoons in London was better than expected. L.B.C. 12:296 8226

Apr. 16 -- New York -- To Francis Comparet, Fort Wayne

Has received papers in re doings of the Ewings. Ewing received no encouragement at Detroit. Re report of Lampson's sale of raccoons. L.B.C. 12:297 8227

Apr. 16 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Discussion of Brewster's contract with Coquillard & Co. Discussion of G. W. Ewing's visit to Brewster. Ewing is destitute of principle and everything like honorable feeling. L.B.C. 12:298 8228

Apr. 16 -- Monroeville -- From Charles Hollister

Drafts drawn. lp. 8229

Apr. 16 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower

Encloses check to be credited on account. lp. 8230

Apr. 16 -- Stockbridge, Mass. -- From J. D. Adams, (Cashier)

Has received letter from the Company. lp. 8231

Apr. 16 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse

Re method of payment of Company's Chippewa claims. Gives details of Winnebago claims in Committee. 2p. 8232

Apr. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co. (per Clapp)

Have highest opinion of Lampson's judgment. Await particulars of London sales. Gives details of drafts. lp. 8233

Apr. 17 -- New York -- From William B. Astor

Is unable to great request for part payment of note. Check enclosed for balance due on notes discounted April 16. lp. 8234

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- Apr. 17 -- New York -- To James Keith, Lachine, Canada  
Discusses report that Aitken may establish post in Vermilion country, and action to be taken. Re payments to be made at Red River Settlement at order of Mackenzie. Will advise Simpson of Aitken's proposed opposition. L.B.C. 12:299-300 8235
- Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re order to pay funds to Keith as directed by Mackenzie. L.B.C. 12:301 8236
- Apr. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 12:302 8237
- Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Stephen F. Nidelet, Philadelphia  
Has received shawls. Encloses draft in payment. L.B.C. 12:303 8238
- Apr. 17 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Describes damaged blankets, and terms of insurance. Encloses invoices for merchandise shipped via Pittsburgh. Discussion of all orders for blankets. Re sale and shipment of deer skins. Details inferior quality of skins, and prevailing prices. Discusses market conditions and accounts. L.B.C. 12:304-308 8239
- Apr. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Peter Stillman, Hartford  
Re notes and funds received. L.B.C. 12:309 8240
- Apr. 17 -- Dayton -- From M. D. Grover  
Will make large shipment in several days. lp. 8241
- Apr. 17 -- New York -- From Julia Hunt  
Has just arrived in New York. Asks Crooks to advance her \$400. Encloses request from A. L. Hunt to advance \$200 to his daughter. 2p. 8242
- Apr. 17 -- Chipping Norton -- From Samuel Palmer to the Company  
Has received letter from Chouteau telling of the death of his son, Hamilton Palmer. Encloses letter to be forwarded to Chouteau. lp. 8243
- Apr. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re furs and skins forwarded. Have forwarded documents in re goods lost on wrecked vessel; hope Company can settle with insurance companies. Describes shipment of robes for Bates & Son. 2p. 8244
- Apr. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Give instructions about enclosed draft. Ask for a copy of the New York Directory. lp. 8245

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Apr. 18 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son

Enclose Franchere's draft of April 4 to be honored, and draft of Ewing, Casall & Co. on Suydam, Sage & Co. to be accepted. 1p. 8246

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Lake Superior supplies have heretofore been sent up too late. Brig should be kept running between Detroit and St. Mary's. Discussion of plans for transporting freight. Northern operations suffer when supplies arrive late. Details arrangements with Bronson & Crocker and Burnet about salt. Details Juneau's business plans. Has not received any Winnebago payments. Desires returns to be forwarded promptly. Re terms of insurance. Expects Brewster to drive opponents out of Michigan and Grand River country. Desires instructions about disposing of Taylor's rats. Is pleased that returns from Logansport will be shipped via Perrysburgh. Advises Mitchell to offer his furs to Brewster or Abbott. Lawe has not asked for any supplies. Gives instructions that should be given Gooding about prices. Crooks advised Simpson that the Company would supply salt if desired. Reports from Lake Superior indicate that Indians were more active in hunting than they had been in recent years. Aitken threatens to oppose the Company. Encloses account sales from London of beaver and deer skins. L.B.C. 12:310-316. [p313 is entirely faded out] 8247

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To James B. Ewart, Dundas, Canada

Discussion of financial arrangements to be made with Gooding. L.B.C. 12:317 8248

Apr. 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Details drafts and accounts. L.B.C. 12:318-319 8249

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegans, New Orleans

Re arrival of deer skins. Pierre Chouteau, Jr. has sold his interest in the firm of Chouteau & Mackenzie to Kenneth Mackenzie. L.B.C. 12:320 8250

Apr. 18 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Re decrease in freight rates from New Orleans. Shipment of deer skins has arrived. Details funds asked for by Julia Hunt. Silver ware sent to St. Louis was ordered by Palmer. Has forwarded French blankets via Pittsburgh. Damaged blankets will be sold at auction. L.B.C. 12:323-324 8251

Apr. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhaus

Re sample beads shipped. State price of Chinese vermilion. 1p. 8251

Apr. 18 -- Milwaukee -- Solomon Juneau to William Brewster

Purchases have been made. Enclosed in no. 8334. 1p. 8251

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- Apr. 18 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Details of drafts drawn in payment for furs. 1p. 8254
- Apr. 18 -- Louisville -- From Van Winkle & White  
Re arrangements to settle account. Do not think competition between agents of the Company and of Ewings is strong. Offered raccoons to Grover who neglected to take them; have sold them to Ewing. Discussion of actions of agents. 3p. 8255
- Apr. 18 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Re further delay of claims before the Committee. 2p. 8256
- Apr. 18 -- Chicago -- Theodore E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Is in Chicago to receive furs Cicott has for the Company. Gives contents of three casks and four boxes of furs shipped from Michigan City. Enclosed in no. 8334. 1p. 8257
- Apr. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Remarks in connection with purchase from Coquillard. The Company's interest to be first consulted in selling L. M. Taylor's muskrats. Agrees that buying has been badly managed. Wishes Crooks to meet important Company buyers in Detroit in July; considers placing Coquillard in charge of Logansport and Fort Wayne region. Will ship 150 packs next week; Hollister will ship 200. Supplies for Sault Ste. Marie and Northern Outfit has gone up. McKay says fish well in St. Louis; asks if it would be profitable to sell outside of Detroit. Encloses nos. 7975, 8040, 8087, 8109, 8110, 8129, 8153, and 8157. 1p. 8258
- Apr. 19 -- New York -- To James McKay, Detroit  
Wishes directions about patterns wanted by Miss McLeod. Is gratified that McKay found coopers to go to upper lakes. L.B.O. 12:321 8259
- Apr. 19 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Discussion of arrangements about coopers employed by McKay. L.B.O. 12:322 8260
- Apr. 19 -- Burlington -- John Furey to William Brewster  
His skins are being collected at Logansport from various places. Has made purchase. Paid advances to keep skins from Ewings, who were following that policy. W. G. Ewing has tried to employ Furey. Enclosed in no. 8334. 2p. 8261
- Apr. 20 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Will fill order for supplies. Has ordered stoves from Canada. Northern Lake Co. will find that the Company can give uncompromising opposition. Re directions to Brewster to forward Lapointe supplies. Crooks thinks it inexpedient to claim exclusive use of mill race. Barbeau should be informed that Board of Directors decline to sell any real estate at St.

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Mary's. The Company's arrangement with Hudson's Bay Company continues until 1842. L.B.C. 12:325-326 8262

Apr. 20 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Is gratified at very satisfactory result of Lampson's recent sale. Will forward deer skins and raccoons. The Company expects to win complete victory over opponents. Reports from Lake Superior have indicated good hunts. L.B.C. 12:327-328 8263

Apr. 20 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Has received invoice of blankets. Will examine blankets. L.B.C. 12:329 8264

Apr. 20 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re accounts. Lampson's sale succeeded much better than the Company expected. Expects larger returns of fine furs in 1840. Will forward deer skins. Re draft drawn. L.B.C. 12:330-331 8265

Apr. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Details of drafts. Requests remittance on account. L.B.C. 12:332 8266

Apr. 20 -- New York -- To Menard, Vallé & Co., Ste. Genevieve  
Will sell skins to the best advantage. L.B.C. 12:333 8267

Apr. 20 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Discussion of complaint from Van Winkle & White of bad faith of Company agents who failed to examine skins offered for sale. Any arrangement entered into should be held as sacred. Gives details of drafts. Encloses copies of Lampson's letters. L.B.C. 12:334-335 8268

Apr. 20 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
317 packs of deer skins have been sent. Details Spafford's operations. Drafts on the Company given to Spafford. 2p. 8269

Apr. 20 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has shipped rifles to New York. Wishes amount of bill in Philadelphia funds. 1p. 8270

Apr. 20 -- New York -- To William Maxwell, Cashier, Chemung Canal Bank, Elmira  
Re note sent for collection. L.B.C. 12:341 8271

Apr. 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will dispose of oil as directed. Re accounts. L.B.C. 12:342 8272

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- Apr. 20 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
B. F. Hollister has gone to Logansport. Fears Crooks's letter will irritate Grover; Furey is trustworthy and hopes Grover is. Enclosed in no. 8302. 1p. 8273
- Apr. 20 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau to William Brewster  
Re fur purchase made at high prices; details collection and prices. Enclosed in no. 8334. 1p. 8274
- Apr. 20 -- Evansville -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster  
Details shipment of 317 packs. Describes purchases and high prices. Spafford is to go to Shawneetown about funds. Local market for Lake Superior fish. Enclosed in no. 8412. 2p. 8275
- Elmira --  
Apr. 20 -- From Thomas Burn (Notary Public)  
Notice of note protested. 1p. 8276
- Apr. 20 -- Lexington -- Leonard Wheeler to James M. Spafford  
Justification for selling his collection to Ewings. [This letter was sent by Wheeler to Grover.] Enclosed in no. 9374. 4p. 8277
- Apr. 20 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details drafts. Gives instructions for sale of castor oil. 1p. 8278
- Apr. 21 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. 1p. 8279
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Julia Hunt, Astor House, New York  
Re funds Wilson P. Hunt directed to be paid to Miss Hunt. L.B.C. 12:336 8280
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhaus, Philadelphia  
Gives details of conditions on which the Company will purchase bonds. Re prices of vermilion. L.B.C. 12:337 8281
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Francis Renaud, Pittsburgh  
Re shipment of blankets to be forwarded to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. L.B.C. 12:338 8282
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses final report of Lampson's sale. Discussion of protested note not returned by Brewster. L.B.C. 12:339 8283
- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Pratt, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses Mr. Pratt's receipt for her quarterly allowance of \$500. Gives results of Lampson's sale. Winnebago claims are not yet settled. L.B.C. 12:340 8284

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- Apr. 21 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Wish directions about filling order for beads. Commission  
for Ehninger has been executed. L.B.C. 12:343 8285
- Apr. 21 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has sent news from London about extraordinary sale of rac-  
coons to agents; competitors have not yet heard it. Bought col-  
lection of George & Co. worth \$4000, and skins from Thames. lp.  
8286
- Apr. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
Mackenzie has gone to St. Peters. Have not heard from New  
Orleans about shipment of white fish. Advise that fish be  
shipped via Chicago. lp. 8287
- Apr. 21 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Has sent London sales news by express to Company agents.  
May go to Defiance. Bloodgates' skins went to South Bend instead  
of Detroit; reported sold. Enclosed in no. 8302. lp. 8288
- Apr. 21 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Has changed plans upon hearing of results of London sales;  
will go up the river rather than to Lower Sandusky. Enclosed in  
no. 8302. lp. 8289
- Apr. 21 -- Chemung Canal Bank, Elmira, New York -- From William  
Maxwell (Cashier)  
Returns protested paper; has charged fees. lp. 8290
- Apr. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co. (per Clapp)  
Re draft drawn. lp. 8291
- Apr. 21 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Recommend store in Montreal for the Company's trade. De-  
tails of Mr. White's notes. Wish newspaper to be continued. lp.  
8292
- Apr. 21 -- Marshall -- S. O. Keeler to William Brewster  
Details his operations and those of Ewings' agents. Keeler  
is going East with a ton of furs. Ewings' agents have gone to  
Canada. Enclosed in no. 8334. 2p. 8293
- Apr. 22 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Evansville  
Gives directions for marking and shipping peltries. Re  
drafts honored. Discussion of results of Lampson's sale.  
Muskrats cannot be sold at all. Franchere should buy skins at  
reasonable rates and let Ewings take all losing bargains. L.B.C.  
12:344-346 8294
- Apr. 22 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 12:347 8295



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- Apr. 22 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh  
Re directions for marking packs for shipment. Gives prices received at London sale for various skins. L.B.C. 12:348 8296
- Apr. 22 -- Monroeville -- From Charles Hollister  
Has received news of March sales and is doing as well as he can. lp. 8297
- Apr. 22 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Gives details of drafts drawn and use of funds. Re stolen goods; cloth found. lp. 8298
- Apr. 22 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Give instructions about insuring Castor oil. Enclose draft to be collected. lp. 8299
- Apr. 22 -- Chicago -- Theodore E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Describes his action in Chicago examining Cicott's furs in accordance with contract made April 2. Enclosed in no. 8334. lp. 8300
- Apr. 22 -- South Bend -- Lathrop M. Taylor to William Brewster  
Prices Brewster offers for his collection are less than Company's agents have offered in the region; gives prices acceptable. Requests that Phelps receipt collection and price be decided later. Enclosed in no. 8334. lp. 8301
- Apr. 23 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Competition with Ewings' agent; competitors have not received news of London sales. Encloses nos. 8166, 8273, 8288, and 8289. lp. 8302
- Apr. 23 -- Monroeville -- From Charles Hollister  
Has drawn draft. lp. 8303
- Apr. 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has obtained insurance on oil. Will make remittance for certain draft. L.B.C. 12:349 8304
- Apr. 23 -- New York -- To James Hanfy, Boulton Gun Works  
Bill for rifles is correct. Encloses check for payment of account in full. L.B.C. 12:350 8305
- Apr. 23 -- New York -- To Henry Campbell, Francisville, Missouri  
Has not been able to obtain any information about property at Poughkeepsie. L.B.C. 12:351 8306
- Apr. 23 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Details collection bought and prices paid. Furs are coming in, but no packing can be done in his absence. Is going to Lower Sandusky April 24. Needs draft blanks. Enclosed in no. 8334. lp. 8307

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- Apr. 23 -- Bank of Utica -- From W. B. Welles (Cashier)  
Annexes draft for proceeds of Stooking & Hunt's note. lp.  
8308
- Apr. 23 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Encloses draft on account. Fall sales were very unfavorable. lp.  
8309
- Apr. 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Has credited draft on account. Is grateful for attention to the Company's business. L.B.C. 12:352  
8310
- Apr. 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of protested draft. L.B.C. 12:353  
8311
- Apr. 24 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Has renewed subscription to Courier and Enquirer. Ready made clothing is cheaper in Montreal but duty is prohibitive. Annexes memoranda for goods. L.B.C. 12:354  
8312
- Apr. 24 -- Logansport -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Is going on purchasing trip; Grover will go tomorrow. lp.  
8313
- Apr. 24 -- Lachine -- From James Keith  
Transcript of Crooks's letter in reference to William Aitken has been sent to the council of the Northern Department. lp.  
8314
- Apr. 24 -- Washington -- From John Miller  
Asks Crooks to deliver enclosed letter to addressee. lp.  
8315
- Apr. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Notice of lead shipped; request to pay proceeds of same to Small, Williams & Co. lp.  
8316
- Apr. 25 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has purchased 1500 raccoons of F. H. H. Buhl. Ewings' runners all over district. Juneau has bought collection which Sears bought for Abbott. Will send 200 packs April 28. Phelps is at Chicago to receive Coquillard & Company's skins. lp.  
8317
- Apr. 25 -- New York -- To Widdes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has received report of Lampson's deer skin sale. Will forward deer skins on next packet. Has ordered cloths from Leeds. L.B.C. 12:355  
8318
- Apr. 25 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Blankets have not been landed. Re order for cloth. L.B.C. 12:356  
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Apr. 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Has received marked catalogs. Will give directions to  
 agents in interior. Re skins and furs to be shipped. L.B.C. 12:  
 357 8320

Apr. 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to W. B. Welles, Utica  
 Has received proceeds of Stocking & Hunt's note. L.B.C. 12:  
 358 8321

New York --  
 Apr. 25 -- George Ehninger to John Garland, Fort Pleasant, Fla.  
 Gives details of accounts and drafts. Garland's son is  
 well pleased at College Point. L.B.C. 12:359 8322

Apr. 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Van Winkle & White,  
 Louisville  
 Has received draft in payment of certain note. Discussion  
 of Grover's failure to examine Van Winkle & White's choice col-  
 lection of furs which Ewings purchased. L.B.C. 12:360-361 8323

Apr. 25 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
 Will give attention to Taylor's muskrats when they arrive.  
 Regrets Furey's and Grover's indiscretion in competing with Spaf-  
 ford and of offering exorbitant prices. The Company has enough  
 opposition without fighting among themselves. Re necessity of  
 holding a general conference at Detroit of all who are to be  
 employed in the next campaign. Crooks will attend. Desires plan  
 of operations for 1840-1841. Brewster has full power to select  
 most judicious and able buyers. Crooks is mortified that Brews-  
 ter gave G. W. Ewing an interview at all. The Company can  
 never have any further intercourse with Ewings. Re deer skins  
 shipped from Evansville by Franchere. Discussion of Grover's  
 failure to fulfill arrangements made with Van Winkle & White;  
 Grover and his agents should remain in their own district. Re  
 interference between Spafford's contractors and Franchere at  
 Evansville. Regrets that McKay arrived too late for the brig.  
 L.B.C. 12:362-366 8324

Apr. 25 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London  
 Encloses copy of communication sent to Keith re plans to  
 overcome any opposition that Aitken might set up. Bronson &  
 Crocker will transport salt to Detroit at 44 cents per barrel.  
 L.B.C. 12:376-378 8325

Apr. 25 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
 Details drafts drawn and furs purchased. 1p. 8326

Apr. 25 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegates  
 Will give greater care to directions about shipments.  
 Statement of skins received from Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. to  
 be forwarded. States New Orleans prices. 2p. 8327

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- Apr. 25 -- Lowell -- James G. Carney (Cashier) to the Company  
Encloses check in payment of certain note. 1p. 8328
- Apr. 25 -- Schenectady Bank -- From Thos. Palmer (Cashier)  
Encloses draft for proceeds of note collected. 1p. 8329  
(Cashier)
- Apr. 25 -- Canal Bank, Lockport, New York -- G. W. Rogers to the Company  
Encloses draft for proceeds of certain note. 1p. 8330
- Apr. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details drafts. 1p. 8331
- Apr. 25 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Re accounts. No news of Sault deserter. Has received \$500  
from Samuel Abbott. Inquires about supply of raccoon skins in  
New York. 2p. 8332
- Apr. 26 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
460 packs of furs have been sent. Efforts to get funds for  
Spafford. List of his drafts on the Company. Fur trade in  
brief. 3p. 8333
- Apr. 27 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Shipment of his collections -- 12,000 raccoons, 27,000  
muskrats. Competitors have heard results of London sales, but  
the Company has most of the raccoons. Encloses nos. 8148, 8173,  
8253, 8257, 8261, 8274, 8293, 8300, 8301, 8307. 1p. 8334
- Apr. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Thomas Palmer, Schen-  
ectady  
Has received proceeds of certain note. L.B.C. 12:369 8335
- Apr. 27 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Crooks wishes to know state of Winnebago matters. L.B.C.  
12:370 8336
- Apr. 27 -- Montreal -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Receipt from Vallée, Boyer & Co. sent to be credited to  
Samuel Abbott. 1p. 8337
- Apr. 27 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Expect to ship certain order soon. Very few orders have  
come from American which tends to keep prices of goods low. 1p.  
8338
- Apr. 27 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Has bought large collection at Lower Sandusky. Is better  
satisfied with Grover's operations; B. F. Hollister is at Logans-  
port. It is difficult to make packs because of state of skins,  
but they will be in market earlier than usual. Ewings are buying  
in Ohio at high prices. 2p. 8339

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Apr. 27 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse

Judge Doty has advised the Company to pay valid claims, and leave others for discussion. 1p. 8340

Apr. 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Have noted reports from Lampson. Further rise in raccoons will probably render buyers more extravagant than ever. Discussion of route by which to forward blankets. Re furs and skins shipped. 2p. 8341

Apr. 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re shipment of robes. Warehouse is entirely cleared of robes. 1p. 8342

Apr. 28 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Is gratified that Brewster obtained certain lot of raccoons. Desires that Phelps be successful in Grand River country in order to discourage Ewings. Encloses copies of Lampson's letters. Re Lampson's advice about prices. Winnebago payments are still uncertain. L.B.C. 12:371-372 8343

Apr. 28 -- New York -- To James D. Doty, Washington

Encloses schedule of traders' claims, and list of certificates granted by Cameron & Murray. Claim of Company was admitted in full. L.B.C. 12:373-374 8344

Apr. 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to James G. Carney, Lowell Bank

Has received proceeds of note collected. L.B.C. 12:375 8345

Apr. 28 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Details of insurance arrangements on shipments. Has agreed to take damaged French blankets at appraised value. Encloses invoice for blankets. Ronaud has not acknowledged receipt of any goods. English blankets have arrived. No dependence can be placed on punctuality of French manufacturers. Details comparison of French and English markets in woolens. Lampson is pleased with deer skin market. Annexes memoranda of settlement with insurance company. L.B.C. 12:376-379 8346

Apr. 29 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington

Regrets that claims are not yet confirmed. Crooks thinks the Committee on Indian Affairs will assent to Judge Doty's recommendation. L.B.C. 12:380 8347

Apr. 29 -- New York -- To G. W. Rogers, Canal Bank, Lockport

Has received proceeds of note collected. L.B.C. 12:381 8348

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- Apr. 29 -- New York -- To J. D. Adams, Cashier, Housatonic Bank,  
Stockbridge, Mass.  
Details of note to be collected. L.B.C. 12:362 8349
- Apr. 29 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of purchases and prices. Ewings are competing.  
Enclosed in no. 8412. 1p. 8350
- Apr. 29 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Details of drafts drawn. Will follow instructions in Crooks'  
letter. 1p. 8351
- Apr. 29 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of letters. 1p. 8352
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Discussion of relations between Grover and Hollisters. Ap-  
proves Brewster's system of dealing with opponents. Will send  
marked catalog of Lampson's sale. L.B.C. 12:383-384 8353
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Re order for goods. L.B.C. 12:385 8354
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Encloses draft in settlement of account. L.B.C. 12:386 8355
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Goods have been examined and are satisfactory. Desires  
small assortment of blankets for examination. L.B.C. 12:387 8356
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re accounts. Has shipped deer skins to Lampson. Has or-  
dered sample blankets from Henrys. L.B.C. 12:388 8357
- Apr. 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has received catalog of Rows' sale. Wendell has been buy-  
ing shipping furs everywhere. Gives prices paid by Wendell. Op-  
penheim has formed connection with Randall, and is prominent in  
the market. Has shipped deer skins. L.B.C. 12:389-391 8358
- Apr. 30 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Shipment has been made. Ewings got mediocre lot of rac-  
coons for which he bid; are paying good prices. 1p. 8359
- Apr. 30 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Shipment has been made. Furey and Grover instructed to buy  
all raccoons. Describes Company's skins being shipped at Logans-  
port by B. F. Hollister. Re prospects for various skins. 3p. 8360

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- Apr. 30 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Remainder of skins except few small lots ready for shipment.  
Ewings' agents are over whole country and offering high prices.  
lp. 8361
- Apr. 30 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Freights are unreasonably high. Will endeavor to give satisfaction to Mackenzie. Statement of robes and skins received from Chouteaus. 2p. 8362
- Apr. 30 -- Stockbridge, Mass. -- From J. D. Adams  
Encloses protested note. lp. 8363
- Apr. 30 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Expects favorable report of Committee in few days. lp. 8364
- Apr. 30 -- Buffalo -- From Parsons & Co.  
Coopers have not arrived; will endeavor to employ others.  
Have forwarded furs received from Brewster. Navigation is open.  
2p. 8365
- Apr. 30 -- Dayton -- Francis E. Phelps to N. D. Grover  
Details of collection. Enclosed in no. 9374. lp. 8366
- Apr. 30 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Details of damaged French blankets which being insured in Europe must be sold at public auction. Will follow directions about packing. Franchere arrived April 29 to negotiate under authority from Brewster for funds needed for his purchases in Indiana. Details of arrangements made with Franchere. 3p. 8367
- Apr. 30 -- Trieste -- From Suppantischitsch  
Description and bill of ecclesiastical ornaments shipped for Rev. Pierz at Grand Portage. lp. (French) 8368
- May 1 -- New York -- George Ehninger to J. D. Adams, Housatonic Bank,  
Has received protested note. L.B.C. 12:392 8369
- May 1 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Is grateful for prompt payment to Hudson's Bay Company. Re accounts. Will report about raccoons to be found in market.  
L.B.C. 12:393 8370
- May 1 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Vallee, Boyer & Co. have paid funds to Hudson's Bay Company for Red River Settlement, as directed. L.B.C. 12:394 8371
- May 1 -- New York -- To Peter Lorillard, New York  
Explains need to examine certain store building. L.B.C. 12:395 8372

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- May 1 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
B. F. Hollister's estimate of large purchases of Furey and Grover. Fur-packing hindered by inefficient help. Furs are of good quality. Enclosed in no. 8412. 1p. 8373
- May 1 -- St. Louis -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Efforts to get funds. Agreement to buy skins from Louisville man. 2p. 8374
- May 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korekhauss  
Annex receipt and bill for goods shipped. Expect large assortment of beads from Austria in the fall. 1p. 8375
- May 1 -- London -- From William F. Gooding  
Draft drawn. 1p. 8376
- May 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Franchere will advise Company of his transactions with Chouteau. Will not need pigeon egg beads until next season. Have noted funds paid Company by Astor for account of W. P. Hunt. Are pleased with Lampson's report of unexpected advance on raccoons. Re order for copying machine. 2p. 8377
- May 1 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has forwarded goods to St. Louis. Delays in shipping are due to breaks in the canals. Freights to St. Louis are very low. 1p. 8378
- May 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re accounts. 1p. 8379
- May 2 -- Lapointe -- From Frederick Baraga  
Requests purchase of bell for new church. 2p. 8380
- May 2 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Forwards invoices of furs and skins shipped April 27. Steamers not yet running regularly. Re purchase of certain skins and high price. Opponents paying high rates. 1p. 8381
- May 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses notes to be collected. L.B.O. 12:396 8382
- May 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Jennison, Cashier, Worcester Bank, Worcester, Mass.  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 12:397 8383
- May 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John R. Lee, Cashier, Buffalo  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 12:398 8384



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- May 2 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Encloses Towne's note for collection. L.B.C. 12:399 8385
- May 2 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Merchandise has arrived. Re kind of night caps wanted for  
trade. L.B.C. 12:400 8386
- May 2 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Re Stambaugh's attitude toward Doty. L.B.C. 12:401 8387
- May 2 -- New York -- To James D. Doty, Washington  
Advised Robert Stuart to proceed to Washington at once.  
Discussion of whether or not Stuart should appear before Com-  
mittee of Indian Affairs. L.B.C. 12:402-403 8388
- May 2 -- Saginaw -- William Macdonald to William Brewster.  
Re mortgage arrangements with Messrs. Williams; much land  
as security to the Company. Enclosed in no. 8412. 2p. 8389
- May 2 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Encloses bill of lading. lp. 8390
- May 2 -- Schenectady Bank -- From Thomas Palmer (Cashier)  
Encloses draft for proceeds of note collected. lp. 8391
- May 2 -- Norwalk, Ohio -- From Thomas G. Raitt  
Raitt bought furs for Brewster last year; is now buying  
for Company. Furs not coming in well. Annexes memorandum of  
goods wanted. 2p. 8392
- May 2 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Franchere left May 1. Details of bills on Franchere's  
account. Re last shipment of skins via New Orleans. lp. 8393
- May 3 -- Washington -- From Simon Cameron  
Desires to have conversation with Crooks re Winnebago treaty  
at which Cameron was a Commissioner at Prairie du Chien in 1838.  
Considers this business of importance to Crooks. lp. 8394
- May 3 -- Buffalo -- From Parsons & Co.  
Have forwarded furs and skins received from John Hollister.  
All were in good order. lp. 8395
- May 4 -- New York -- To Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Annexes memoranda of goods ordered from Montreal. L.B.C.  
12:404 8396
- May 4 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Thomas Palmer,  
Schenectady  
Has received proceeds of note collected. L.B.C. 12:405 8397

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- May 4 -- New York -- To Hoffman & Co., Present  
Copy of Lord's memoranda in case of Morange. L.B.C. 12:406  
8398
- May 4 -- New York -- To Mulliken & Pratte, St. Louis  
Has obtained insurance on lead. Present price for lead is  
very low. L.B.C. 12:407 8399
- May 4 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
Has received bill of lading for powder. L.B.C. 12:408 8400
- May 4 -- New York -- To Robert Campbell, Philadelphia  
Lists missing deer skins. Will get report from Lampson.  
L.B.C. 12:409 8401
- May 4 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has received account of sales from Lampson. L.B.C. 12:410  
8402
- May 4 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Regrets Chouteau's illness. Has received account of sales  
from Lampson. Will forward copies soon. L.B.C. 12:411 8403
- May 4 -- New York -- To Francis Renaud, Pittsburgh  
Re shipment of merchandise to be forwarded to Pratte, Chou-  
teau & Co. L.B.C. 12:411 1/2 8404
- May 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Will give attention to notes received. lp. 8405
- May 4 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Will follow instructions re packing skins. Explanation of  
certain drafts of which he did not advise Company. Will urge  
Spafford to get all skins he can. 2p. 8406
- May 4 -- Worcester Bank -- From Samuel Jennison (Cashier)  
Acknowledges receipt of certain note. lp. 8407
- May 4 -- New York -- From William Kemble  
Re shipping of powder. lp. 8408
- May 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Has received remittance for notes collected. Wishes to know  
transportation charges on different lines to Pittsburgh. L.B.C.  
12:412 8409
- May 5 -- New Orleans -- From R. L. Lackland  
Annexes bill of lading for lead forwarded on account of  
Mullikin & Pratte. lp. 8410

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May 5 -- Bank of Buffalo -- From John R. Lee

Notice that Western Agency Bank has been discontinued. 1p.  
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May 6 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Sketches movements of lake steamers. Details of purchase of skins. Ewings' agent is forcing prices up, especially racoon. Is determined to drive Ewings from the region at any cost. Franchere and Macdonald have large purchases of furs. Expects business to exceed \$300,000 for the season and to clear \$75,000. Encloses nos. 8275, 8313, 8350, 8373, and 8389. 4p. 8412

May 6 -- New York -- To Simon Cameron, Philadelphia

Re plan to meet Cameron in Philadelphia. L.B.O. 12:413  
8413

May 6 -- New York -- To Julia Hunt

Crooks will give attention to request for funds. L.B.O. 12:414  
414 8414

May 6 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London

Is grateful for assistance offered to the Company. Cleveland rivals succeeded in dragging their schooner over the portage at St. Marys. Crooks does not fear their opposition. L.B.O. 12:415  
12:415 8415

May 6 -- New York -- To A. &amp; S. Henry &amp; Co., Leeds

Cloth for the Company must be 52 inches wide. Re delay in sending order. Will examine blankets furnished to Suydam & Kevan. L.B.O. 12:416  
8416

May 6 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill &amp; Co., Liverpool

Re Lampson's account of sales. Large quantity of furs and skins has been forwarded from interior. Will forward deer skins to Lampson at once. Re watch to be delivered to Lamont. L.B.O. 12:417-418  
12:417-418 8417

May 6 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London

Has examined account of sales. Re accounts. The Company is satisfied to allow Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. 6 per cent interest. Re large quantity of peltries on way to New York. L.B.O. 12:419-420  
12:419-420 8418

May 6 -- Hamilton -- From William F. Gooding

Braff drawn. 1p. 8419

May 6 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau

Braff drawn in payment of furs. Bills sent to Brewster. 1p. 8420

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- May 6 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Pearson & Sons  
Re plans for payment due the Company. 1p. 8421
- May 6 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re furs shipped. Discussion of orders for French blankets  
given to Loubat and not yet filled. 2p. 8422
- May 6 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has forwarded remainder of goods to Chouteaus. 1p. 8423
- May 6 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Are unable to get any definite statement about freight  
rates to and from Pittsburgh. Details about the [North] A [mer-  
ican] Portable Boat Line. 1p. 8424
- May 7 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Crooks is to write Biddle about prices he will offer. Lave  
will have a good collection of furs; he wishes to know if the  
Company will supply him for 1841. 1p. 8425
- May 7 -- New York -- To Joseph Pearson & Sons, Baltimore  
Discussion of payment of account. L.B.C. 12:421 8426
- May 7 -- Savannah, Georgia -- From John Garland  
Has drawn draft for \$100. Will be in New York soon. 1p. 8427
- May 7 -- Dayton -- From N. D. Grover  
Re two purchases in Dayton. Ewings have redoubled efforts  
since hearing Mafah sales. B. F. Hollister is packing Furey's  
and Grover's furs at Logansport. Will soon make large shipment  
from Dayton to New York via Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Large  
collections at Madison, Indiana and Louisville lost to Ewings  
by negligence of the Company's agents; details. 2p. 8428
- May 7 -- Dayton, Ohio -- From Francis E. Phelps  
General Grover has purchased Phelps' collection. Arrange-  
ment for payment. 1p. 8429
- May 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion of freight rates fixed by transportation com-  
pany from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. Are unable to get any re-  
duction. 1p. 8430
- May 7 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Funds paid Beaulieu's mother. Remarks about Beaulieu's  
brother-in-law misrepresenting the Company to workmen. 2p. 8431
- May 8 -- New York -- To Peter Lorillard, New York  
Store will be surveyed May 9. L.B.C. 12:422 8432

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May 8 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia

Is grateful for information re transportation to Pittsburg.  
L.B.C. 12:423 8433

May 8 -- New York -- To Mrs. A. L. Hunt, St. Louis

Has paid \$200 to Julia Hunt, as requested. L.B.C. 12:424  
8434

May 8 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis

Discussion of prices for lead. Is pleased that lake fish  
are likely to sell well in St. Louis. Details of accounts.  
L.B.C. 12:425-426 8435

May 8 -- New York -- To Francis Ronand, Pittsburgh

Is pleased that Ronand obtained low freight rates to St.  
Louis. Re shipment of merchandise to be forwarded to Pierre  
Chouteau, Jr. & Co. L.B.C. 12:427 8436

May 8 -- New York -- To John Mager, New Orleans

Has received furs and skins from Menard & Vallé. L.B.C. 12:  
428 8437

May 8 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee

Re directions about drafts. Report of European market.  
L.B.C. 12:429 8438

May 8 -- New York -- To -- Rockey, Cincinnati

Re condition of shipment of muskrats. L.B.C. 12:430 8439

May 8 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegaes, New Orleans

Directions for forwarding goods. Re steamers not yet ar-  
rived. Discussion of loss of fine deer skins on certain vessel.  
Urges that skins be stowed between decks. L.B.C. 12:431-432  
8440

May 8 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Furs and skins from interior have not yet arrived. Re  
drafts drawn. L.B.C. 12:433 8441

May 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Robert Toland

Wishes to sell deer skins to the Company. lp. 8442

May 9 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet

Has shipped 1000 barrels coarse salt. Will ship 800 barrels  
June 1; remaining 800 barrels early in July. lp. 8443

May 9 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London

Company appreciates Lampson's recommendations. Hotte's  
agents have secured all shipping furs possible. Thinks Hotte  
has remained in Europe in order to quiet competition. Re extent  
of operations of rivals. Details of skins lost by errors in  
shipments. L.B.C. 12:434-436 8444

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May 9 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Evansville

Breaks in Pennsylvania Canal have obstructed navigation.  
Has not received Franchere's furs and skins. Details of drafts.  
Re condition of fur market. L.B.O. 12:437 8445

May 9 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Furs and skins have not arrived. Encloses Lampson's report of general fur sales. Encloses invoices for merchandise shipped via Pittsburgh. Re French blankets received. Details of lack of demand for skins for home consumption. Encloses memoranda of articles to be forwarded to Augustin Rock near mouth of the Chippewa river. L.B.O. 12:438-440 8446

May 9 -- Dundas, Canada -- From James B. Ewart

Re difficulties to secure satisfactory arrangements with banks for drafts. Details of accounts. Wishes a New York newspaper containing market reports. lp. 8447

May 9 -- Logansport -- From John Furey (per G. L. Bostwick)

Has sold drafts. lp. 8448

May 9 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes

Will forward goods to St. Louis. Re arrangements for shipping skins and furs. lp. 8449

May 9 -- Fort Wayne -- Comparet & Colerick to William Shaly

Brewster is authorized to pay sum for storage and costs of fur shipment. Furs to be sent to the Company in New York. Enclosed in no. 8550. lp. 8450

May 9 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse

Robert Stuart is being examined by the Committee. lp. 8451

May 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Details of arrangements made with agent of the North American Portable Boat Line about freight rates. Offer is strictly confidential. Enclose check for proceeds of note collected. lp. 8452

May 10 -- College Point -- From John Spotswood Garland

Has received clothes from New York. lp. 8453

May 11 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son

Enclose proceeds of certain note. lp. 8454

May 11 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Is going to Cleveland and interior of Ohio to look at furs. Gooding says he is successful in buying Canadian furs. lp. 8455

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May 11 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh

Has received packing account. Is pleased to have more favorable reports of Grover's operations. Discussion of extravagant prices paid by Grover for some varieties of peltries. Advises safer policy in making purchases. Prefers that Ewings get skins at extravagant prices, as they will thus kill themselves. The Company will fight only fairly. L.B.C. 12:441-443 8456

May 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to M. B. Menard, Galveston  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 12:444 8457

May 11 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has received packing accounts of robes. Bates refuses to take poor robes. L.B.C. 12:445 8458

May 11 -- New York -- To Curtis M. Lampson, London  
Details of accounts. Re error about insurance. L.B.C. 12:446-447 8459

May 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has received remittance for note collected. L.B.C. 12:448 8460

May 11 -- New York -- To Robert Toland, Philadelphia  
The Company does not wish to purchase Toland's deer skins. L.B.C. 12:449 8461

May 11 -- New York -- To Samuel Palmer, Chipping Norton, England  
Encloses letter addressed to the late J. A. H. Palmer. L.B.C. 12:450 8462

May 11 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Outler  
Re further delay by Henry & Co. in filling order. Will settle accounts with Widdes soon. 1p. 8463

May 11 -- Dayton -- From N. D. Grover  
Has bought collection of William B. Stone; 30,000 skins bought at Dayton. Details of packs sent forward by Stone. Stone's authorization to receive is enclosed. 2p. 8464

May 11 -- Dayton -- N. D. Grover to William Brewster  
Details of his large operations in Dayton; operations of Ewings' agents; operations of Spafford in Kentucky. Millman has good small collection. Furey is competing with Ewing at Burlington. Enclosed in no. 8550. 2p. 8465

May 11 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Draft drawn to pay for lot of good peltries. Skins are becoming scarce in the country. lot of furs in Milwaukee unsold. Juneau's offer for certain furs rejected; will make another offer 1p. 8466

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- May 11 -- Georgetown -- From Jacob Ramsburg  
Complaint about condition of skins; estimate of damage. 1p.  
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- May 12 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Wishes information about coopers. Shipments from Buffalo  
have not arrived. Re powder to be forwarded. L.B.C. 12:451  
8468
- May 12 -- New York -- To John Hoff, Brooklyn  
Discussion of Company's claim against Hoff. L.B.C. 12:452  
8469
- May 12 -- New York -- To Augustin Rock, near Lake Pepin, Upper  
Mississippi  
Re provisions that may be sent from St. Louis to be forward-  
ed to Chippewa Mills. L.B.C. 12:453  
8470
- May 12 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Details of provisions to be sent from St. Louis, and to be  
landed at Rock's or at Prairie du Chien, and forwarded to Chip-  
pewa Mills. L.B.C. 12:454  
8471
- May 12 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Has given directions to Rock and Dousman in re provisions  
for Chippewa Mills. Re financial relations with Franchere. An-  
nexes memoranda of papers enclosed. L.B.C. 12:455-456  
8472
- May 12 -- New York -- To N. D. Grover, Dayton  
Wishes to know prices and terms of payment of Grover's pur-  
chases. Collections should be forwarded early. L.B.C. 12:457  
8473
- May 12 -- New York -- To Charles J. Mourse, Washington  
Re Stambaugh's change of policy about claims. Encloses  
drafts to be collected. Re directions that payment be on New  
York. The Company is poor and needs funds. L.B.C. 12:458-458 1/2  
8474
- May 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Discussion of draft drawn on Paris firm. L.B.C. 12:459  
8475
- May 12 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has received remittance for note collected. L.B.C. 12:460  
8476
- May 12 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. Will forward more deer skins. L.B.C. 12:  
461  
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- May 12 -- New York -- To Curtis M. Lampson, London  
Has received deer skins from interior. Details of skins on way from Ohio. Will follow directions about packing. L.B.C. 12:462 8478
- May 12 -- New York -- George Ehninger to T. E. Phelps, Dayton  
Has arranged with Center & Son for payment of drafts. L.B.C. 12:463 8479
- May 12 -- Dayton -- From N. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. 1p. 8480
- May 12 -- Middletown -- From Simon Cameron  
Is very anxious to see Crooks about Winnebago business and opposition of Stambaugh. This matter will be subject of annoyance until whole sum awarded shall have been paid. Judge Fleming should go to Washington at once; his testimony could not fail to convince the committee. 1p. 8481
- May 12 -- Louisville -- From Hamilton Smith  
Has been requested by Van Winkle & White to collect certain note endorsed by S. A. Halsey. Discussion of proposals for collecting same. Encloses no. 8483. 1p. 8482
- May 12 -- Louisville -- From Van Winkle & White  
Discussion of protested note and adjustment arranged by Smith. Ewing's are now purchasing largely. Enclosed in no. 8482. 1p. 8483
- May 12 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Have not heard about coopers. Have forwarded furs received from Brewster. Expect goods from the Company soon. Steamboat proprietors on Lake Erie have increased freight on furs and skins to same rates as on dry goods. 2p. 8484
- May 13 -- Cleveland -- From William Brewster  
Requests E. S. Williams (formerly in Company's employ at Saginaw) be introduced by Crooks in New York in order that he may obtain credit. 1p. 8485
- May 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re note and accounts. L.B.C. 12:464 8486
- May 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Re funds to be paid Ramsburg as allowance on damaged deer skins. L.B.C. 12:465 8487

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- May 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Jacob Ramsburg, Georgetown  
Will settle matter of damaged skins as Ramsburg proposes.  
L.B.C. 12:466 8488
- May 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Gabriel Franchere, Evansville  
Has honored draft. Re directions to forward skins. L.B.C.  
12:467 8489
- May 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Has approved Franchere's draft. Will procure copying press for Chouteau. L. B. C. 12:468 8490
- May 13 -- Toronto -- From William F. Gooding  
Draft drawn. lp. 8491
- May 13 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Sends second shipment; only rough deer and 20,000 muskrats left; will send men to Monroeville to pack them. B. F. Hollister returned from Logansport; his 400 packs delayed by break in canal. Rains will hinder collecting small purchases. White & Van Winkle collection lost to Ewings. 3p. 8492
- May 13 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Details of purchases and drafts drawn. lp. 8493
- May 13 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe  
Has drawn draft for small lot furs. Discusses difficulties in having acceptable currency for payments. lp. 8494
- May 13 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegans  
Encloses bill of lading. Encloses copy of Merchants' Transcript and New Orleans Price Current. lp. 8495
- May 13 -- Bank of Lowville -- From William Easton (Cashier)  
Encloses draft for note collected. lp. 8496
- May 13 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Re drafts Crooks sent. Committee will report on Friday.  
lp. 8497
- May 13 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion about bill of exchange on Paris. lp. 8498
- May 14 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Annexes order for rifles. L.B.C. 12:469 8499

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- May 14 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Wishes to know market value of stock of Commercial bank of Troy, when dividends have been paid, etc. L.B.C. 12:470 8500
- May 14 -- New York -- To Miller & McKinstry, Hudson  
Wishes to have Cornwall's note. L.B.C. 12:471 8501
- May 14 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Is pleased that missing bales have been found. Re shipment of blankets by new transportation line. Advises that all freight from West be sent by same line. L.B.C. 12:472 8502
- May 14 -- New York -- To N. D. Grover, Dayton  
Wishes to know prices allowed Phelps. Re quality of Stone's skins in 1839. The Company has changed transportation agents at Pittsburgh. L.B.C. 12:473 8503
- May 14 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Encloses bill of lading. lp. 8504
- May 14 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Re vouching for Dowling's paying for certain tin and copper plates from New York. Encloses no. 8518. lp. 8505
- May 14 -- Cleveland -- From William Brewster  
Details of purchases. lp. 8506
- May 14 -- Lake du Flambeau -- From Alexis Corbin  
Has had opposition from Amable Grignon and others. DuBay has furnished goods and liquor. Is uncertain about trade for next year. lp. 8507
- May 14 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Have forwarded goods. Has given direction to Sheffield merchants about forwarding goods to Liverpool. 2p. 8508
- May 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chauteau, Jr. & Co.  
Discuss bills drawn in favor of Joseph Gaillard and S. A. Halsey and of drafts and bond. Have received Osage returns. 2p. 8509
- May 15 -- New York -- To N. P. Wells, Johnstown  
Details of statement in matter of note. L.B.C. 12:474 8510
- May 15 -- New York -- To Moses D. Burnet, Syracuse  
Re payment for salt. Is pleased that Burnet expects to deliver remainder of salt early. L.B.C. 12:475 8511
- May 15 -- New York -- To James B. Ewart, Dundas, Canada  
Details of drafts. L.B.C. 12:476 8512

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- May 15 -- Toronto -- From William F. Gooding  
Drafts drawn. 1p. 8513
- May 15 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.  
Discussion of stock of Commercial Bank of Troy. Do not  
consider stock worth over 90 cents. 1p. 8514
- May 15 -- Hudson, New York -- From Miller & McKinstry  
Re previous arrangement with Thomas Cornwall. Enclose  
note asked for by Crooks. 1p. 8515
- May 15 -- New York -- From Van Winkle & Randall  
Details of accounts. 1p. 8516
- May 15 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re acceptance of drafts. Are pleased to learn that the  
Company's prospects for present season are so favorable. State-  
ment of goods from Henry firm; these are ready to ship. 1p. 8517
- May 16 -- -- From John Dowling  
Enclosed in no. 8505. 2p. 8518
- May 16 -- New York -- To Tardieu & Loubat, Havre  
Directions about enclosed bill on Paris. L.B.C. 12:477-478  
8519
- May 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Miller & McKinstry,  
Hudson  
Has received Cornwall's note. L.B.C. 12:479 8520
- May 16 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Re extravagant prices reported to have been paid by Grover.  
Such proceedings must be stopped at once. Re Lampson's report  
of market conditions. No inquiry exists in New York for peltries.  
L.B.C. 12:480-481 8521
- May 16 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. &  
Co., St. Louis  
Has shipped copying machine via New Orleans. Details of  
blankets shipped and to be shipped. Re Lampson's report of sale  
of raccoons and deer skins. L.B.C. 13:1-2 8522
- May 16 -- Boston -- From George W. Heard  
Asks whether Crooks obtained any satisfaction about claim  
due Miss Grant, while on his trip to upper lake country. Miss  
Grant is in feeble health. 2p. 8523
- May 16 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Returned from Cleveland May 15. Shipment of 35 packs.  
Sprague is going to Buffalo to examine collection offered there.  
1p. 8524

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- May 16 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Shipment of 402 packs. Spafford has got good lots. 1p. 8525
- May 16 -- Logansport -- From John Furey (per J. T. McClure)  
Details of packs. Has shipped 80 packs; will soon ship 170. 1p. 8526
- May 16 -- College Point -- From John Spotswood Garland  
Re Garland's need of medical attention. 1p. 8527
- May 16 -- Dayton -- From N. D. Grover  
Drafts drawn. 1p. 8528
- May 16 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Enclose invoice of goods forwarded to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to be shipped. Discussion of prices paid for cloth. 2p. 8529
- May 16 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Has purchased some choice furs. Abbott has been to Milwaukee and wanted last lot of furs. 1p. 8530
- May 16 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Difficulty in finding reliable commission agent. Details of shipments of lead and insurance thereon. 2p. 8531
- May 16 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Statement of money sent. 1p. 8532
- May 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re skins shipped via Pittsburgh. 1p. 8533
- May 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Easton, Bank of Lowville  
Has received remittance for note collected. L.B.C. 13:3 8534
- May 18 -- New York -- To Toussaint Santelli, Mackinac  
Books from Marseilles were sold by Custom House. Details of funds remitted to Dominique Santelli. L.B.C. 13:4-5 8535
- May 18 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Has received draft. The Company wishes Winnebago matter to be terminated. L.B.C. 13:6 8536
- May 18 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Has drawn draft; will inform Brewster. 1p. 8537

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- May 18 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Shipment of 100 packs stopped by breach in canal. Remarks on Grover's operations. Has shipped 124 packs. Arrival of skins from South delayed by floods. Details of prices paid by Ewings. Enclosed in no. 8550. 2p. 8538
- May 18 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Request further directions about employing coopers. Have forwarded furs received from Brewster and J. Hollister. Hope to obtain reduction in freight rates on furs and skins from steamboat association. 2p. 8539
- May 18 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has received bills of lading. Has forwarded goods. 1p. 8540
- May 19 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegaes, New Orleans  
Has received payment for missing deer skins. Re vessels not yet arrived. Re boxes to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.O. 13: 7 8541
- May 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re plans for shipment of skins. L.B.O. 13:8 8542
- May 19 -- New York -- To Curtis M. Lampson, London  
Discussion of bankruptcy of Root & Leonard, and their treatment of creditors, especially Messrs. Poland. Root & Leonard speculated recklessly. Details delays in shipping peltries. Hopes prices will continue high. Re extravagant prices paid by the Company's agents. Re collections in the East and Wendell's purchases. L.B.O. 13:9-10 8543
- May 19 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Part of goods ordered will be late for their destinations. Blankets furnished for government contract seem superior to brand supplied to the Company. L.B.O. 13 :11 8544
- May 19 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Has received invoices. Prefers entire order in one shipment L.B.O. 13:12 8545
- May 19 -- New York -- To Sargent Bros., Birmingham  
Expects guns to be satisfactory. L.B.O. 13:13 8546
- May 19 -- New York -- George Whninger to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for copying press. Has report of furs and skins that reached New Orleans. L.B.O. 13:14 8547

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May 19 -- Logansport -- From Furey (per J. T. McClure)  
 Could not ship all deerskins; thinks most of furs came  
 from the interior of state. lp. 8548

May 19 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to William Shaly  
 Deer skins of Comparat and Colerick in Shaly's charge to  
 be sent to Crooks at New York. Enclosed in no. 8550. lp. 8549

May 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
 Thinks Grover should not be employed next year as he is too  
 reckless. Brig is waiting for first shipment of salt to arrive.  
 Requests certain accounts. Coopers have not come. Has shipped  
 90 packs. Encloses nos. 8450, 8465, 8538, 8549, and 8551. 2p.  
 8550

May 19 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John Hollister  
 Grover has done more injury to the Company than competitors  
 by paying reckless prices; requests his affairs be investigated.  
 Enclosed in no. 8550. 2p. 8551

May 19 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
 Rifles will be finished within a week and forwarded.. lp.  
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May 19 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
 Water is low in the mill race. Report of good returns  
 from the fisheries, but prices are low. Description of another  
 rival company with fishing, fur trading, and mining projects.  
 2p. 8553

May 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
 Re shipment of fine deer skins via Pittsburgh. lp. 8554

May 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Enclose draft to be collected. lp. 8555

May 19 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
 Enclose bill of lading. lp. 8556

May 20 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
 Miss McLeod has arrived and is considered a valuable ac-  
 quisition. Encloses letters to be sent to Europe and requests  
 draft be sent to his brother. Re subscription to New York  
 Weekly Herald. 2p. (Northern Outfit Letters, 1840) 8557

May 20 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
 "Brewster" and "Astor" have arrived with supplies except  
 some articles ordered from New York and which are greatly needed.  
 Deprecates carelessness in delivery of goods. McKay has arrived  
 with new set of books. Inventory has been taken. Present prices  
 of fish are not encouraging. Re worthless employees. Directions  
 re supplies for Lac du Flambeau. Is determined to reduce expenses  
 of trade. 3p. (Northern Outfit Letters, 1840) 8558

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May 20 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie

Wine for Mackenzie has been received. Fish not selling well; arrived in bad condition. Unable to state exact freight charges to Chicago. 2p. 8559

May 20 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Encloses funds for draft which was paid. Castor oil has been landed. Market is dull. L.B.O. 13:15 8560

May 20 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington

Re opinion of Doty and Stuart that House may relieve Committee from further consideration of Winnebago claims and permit Secretary of War to make payments. Desires Company's claims to be pushed through at once. L.B.O. 13:17 8561

May 20 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re draft drawn and deer skins shipped. L.B.O. 13:18 8562

May 20 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Encloses invoice for deer skins. Re quality of skins. Details of skins ready to ship by next packet. L.B.O. 13:19 8563

May 20 -- Indianapolis -- From John Furey

Drew draft. Bought 2,000 skins in Indianapolis, May 20. Is putting prices up on Ewings. 1p. 8564

May 20 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister

Regrets delay of Logansport skins because of condition of canal. Detailed criticism of Grover's operations and policies. 3p. 8565

May 20 -- College Point, New York -- From Rev. William A. Muhlenberg

Re health of Col. Garland's son and provision for medical attention for him. 2p. 8566

May 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Expect goods shipped via Pittsburgh to arrive soon. Re change in certain order for Indian goods. Insurance business is yet in its infancy in St. Louis. Have received some French blankets. Regret poor prospects for muskrats and inferior deer skins 2p. 8567

May 20 -- Buffalo -- From Lawrence Sprague

Draft drawn. 1p. 8568

May 20 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Re funds paid certain persons. Delay in shipping Crooks's order. 1p. 8569



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- May 21 -- New York -- To George W. Heard, Boston  
Details promise of Holiday family in 1839 to pay Miss Grant's account. Will have the Company's agent at St. Marys see Holiday and urge payment. L.B.O. 13:20-21 8570
- May 21 -- New York -- To Menard & Vallé, Ste. Genevieve  
Encloses account sales. Holds net proceeds subject to directions. Re general plan of insurance. L.B.O. 13:22 8571
- May 21 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Re directions about damaged blankets. L.B.O. 13:23 8572
- May 21 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Comparet & Colerick, Fort Wayne  
Has received damaged skins. Details charges. L.B.O. 13:24 8573
- May 21 -- Louisville -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Difficulty in getting certain lot of skins from Hunter. Drafts on the Company for purchases. 2p. 8574
- May 21 -- Cincinnati -- From N. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. 1p. 8575
- May 21 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Committee thinks it should examine claims carefully since it has started examination of Winnebago treaty. Has summoned Brodhead; may report June 1. 1p. 8576
- May 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Request the Company to dispose of castor oil. Instructions about enclosed drafts. 1p. 8577
- May 22 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose check to be credited on account. 1p. 8578
- May 22 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re drafts. Wishes advice about price for castor oil. L.B.O. 13:25-26 8579
- May 22 -- Indianapolis -- From John Furey  
Drew \$1,000 draft to close purchases. 1p. 8580
- May 22 -- Syracuse -- From John Fleming  
Encloses draft in payment of note and interest. Requests information about Indian committee. 2p. 8581

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- May 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Will forward Chippewa goods soon. Transaction with Fran-  
chere is closed in the books. Re settlement with Merle & Co.  
for damaged deer skins. Re order for tin plate, wire and  
copper. Have drawn draft. 3p. 8582
- May 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re robes sold to Bates & Son. 1p. 8583
- May 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 13:27 8584
- May 23 -- Dayton -- From N. D. Grover  
Bought collection at Cincinnati and made arrangements for  
forwarding furs and skins. 2p. 8585
- May 23 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has rifles ready to ship. Asks for amount of bill in  
Philadelphia funds. 1p. 8586
- May 23 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Will give attention to orders for cloth and blankets. 1p.  
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- May 23 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Details of shipment of lead and directions to pay proceeds  
to Small, Williams & Co. 1p. 8588
- May 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion about drafts. Advise that castor oil be sold.  
1p. 8589
- May 23 -- New York -- From Swift & Nichols  
Re plans for paying note. 1p. 8590
- May 24 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Anxiety about Indian claims and arrival of spring goods.  
1p. 8591
- May 25 -- New York -- To William Tarbet, Liverpool  
Encloses bill of lading for box shipped by Borup. L.B.C.  
13:28 8592
- May 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Hotte's agents continue to pay exorbitant rates. The Com-  
pany will prevent best skins from reaching Hotte. L.B.C. 13:29  
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- May 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Will follow directions about drafts. L.B.C. 13:30 8594
- May 25 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Details directions about notes. Re plans to ship deer skins.  
Encloses account sales: L.B.C. 13:31-32 8595
- May 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Vallée, Boyer & Co.,  
Montreal  
Has credited notes on account. L.B.C. 13:33 8596
- May 25 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Re drafts drawn by Grover. The Company accepts Grover's  
drafts with reluctance. Hopes Hollister will regulate Grover's  
operations. L.B.C. 13:34 8597
- May 25 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
All furs and skins should be sent by Bingham's line from  
Pittsburgh to New York. L.B.C. 13:35 8598
- May 25 -- New York -- To John Fleming, Syracuse  
Has received check in payment of funds lent to Fleming.  
Indian Committee has called many persons for testimony. Com-  
mittee is expected to report June 1. L.B.C. 13:36 8599
- May 25 -- Dayton -- From N. D. Grover  
Details shipment sent to Cincinnati to be forwarded by  
Samuel B. Finlay; details localities from which furs came; de-  
tails prices paid. Going to Northern Ohio for skins which he  
will forward from Sandusky. 3p. 8600
- May 25 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Did not know about insurance, so furs were mixed in packing  
of certain damaged skins. 2p. 8601
- May 25 -- Worcester Bank -- From Samuel Jennison  
Re payment of note and check. 1p. 8602
- May 25 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Draft drawn to pay for skins. Will forward all bills to  
Brewster at once. 1p. 8603
- May 25 -- New York -- From Henry B. Brooks  
Makes offer for deer skins of several kinds. 1p. 8604
- May 25 -- Green Bay -- From John Lawe  
Has drawn draft in payment for furs. Many agents in country  
with specie and eastern funds. 1p. 8605

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- May 25 -- Johnstown -- From N. P. Wells (Cashier)  
Encloses check for Welch's note. lp. 8606
- May 26 -- New York -- George Ehninger to N. P. Wells, Johnstown  
Has received check in payment of note collected. L.B.O. 13:37 8607
- May 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Antoinette Hoeffern  
Needs money. Has not heard from her brother lately. Ex-  
pects to get money through the ambassador soon. lp. 8608
- May 26 -- Columbus -- From N. D. Grover  
Draft drawn. lp. 8609
- May 26 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Drafts for fur purchases. lp. 8610
- May 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of protested note. Enclose draft to be collected.  
lp. 8611
- May 26 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading of goods forwarded from Outler.  
Misunderstanding by Henry firm and Outler about shipments. Con-  
firm account sales furnished by Lampson. 2p. 8612
- May 27 -- St. Louis -- From Henry Chouteau  
Has \$6000 dead capital of Illinois scrip on which he  
wishes to obtain a loan until State redeems it. If unable to  
secure money on the scrip, Chouteau will borrow funds and give  
real estate in security. Does not wish to dispose of real es-  
tate as it is daily increasing in value. 2p. 8613
- May 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Re Halsey's request that certain note be placed in legal  
hands to be collected. Re accounts. L.B.O. 13:38 8614
- May 27 -- New York -- To William Bingham, Pittsburgh  
Discussion of transportation of the Company's goods.  
L.B.O. 13:39 8615
- May 27 -- New York -- To J. C. Reynolds, Agent Despatch Line,  
Pittsburgh  
Re order to deliver all the Company's property to William  
Bingham. L.B.O. 13:40 8616
- May 27 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Has received rifles in good order. Encloses check in pay-  
ment. L.B.O. 13:41 8617

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- May 27 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis  
Will give attention to shipment of lead. Details of insurance. L.B.O. 13:42 8618
- May 27 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Encloses bill of lading for furs. Has forwarded blankets. Dispute with transportation company about freight rate is to be arranged by Crooks. lp. 8619
- May 27 -- Buffalo -- From Lawrence Sprague, Jr.  
Has finished buying in Buffalo and will return to Detroit immediately. lp. 8620
- May 27 -- Buffalo -- From Lawrence Sprague, Jr.  
Encloses invoice of three hogsheds and 40 bales of furs. lp. 8621
- May 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Jennison, Worcester Bank  
Has received proceeds of note collected. L.B.O. 13:43 8622
- May 28 -- New York -- To Thomas Raitt, Norwalk, Ohio  
The Company cannot supply kind of goods wanted by Raitt. L.B.O. 13:44 8623
- May 28 -- Plymouth -- N. D. Grover to George Hollister & Co.  
Details of operations; purchased 30,000 skins at Dayton. Gives details of collection bought at Plymouth; 8,000 skins. Enclosed in no. 8680. lp. 8624
- May 28 -- Plymouth -- From N. D. Grover  
Will send recent purchase to George Hollister at Monroeville to be forwarded. Returns to Dayton May 29 to close business there. lp. 8625
- May 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of collecting of certain note. lp. 8626
- May 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Goods have been forwarded to Chippewa river. Re skins and furs forwarded. Chouteau wishes his subscription continued to the Daily Herald. Have received damaged blankets. lp. 8627
- May 29 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses draft for proceeds of certain acceptance. Has sold castor oil. L.B.O. 13:45 8628

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May 29 -- New Hope -- From Henry H. Sibley

Kenneth Mackenzie has purchased interest of Chouteau in firm of Chouteau & Mackenzie, and has offered to take Sibley into partnership. Desires to be relieved from charge of Sioux Outfit; will endeavor to secure competent person to take his place until expiration of agreement. Requests Crooks to notify Mackenzie of his decision in this matter. Expects to forward furs soon. Business for 1839 will be closed in a few days. Is sending a letter to Dousman that he may express his opinion. (Western Outfit Papers, 1840). Encloses no. 8640. 2p. 8629

May 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Introduces Benjamin J. Leedom who will be agent in New York for Western Transportation Line. 1p. 8630

May 29 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Goods shipped to Buffalo. 1p. 8631

May 30 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Criticism of Grover's policy. Not to be employed again. B. F. Hollister with Grover until end of the season. Business is very dull. No demand for fish. Advises buying muskrats to hold for advance in price. Discussion of advice to be given Lampson about fall sales. Sprague purchased all skins at Buffalo to the amount of \$5,000; competed with Center & Son. Details of Gooding's purchases. Details of large collection to be offered in New York. Franchere has purchased \$15,000 worth of skins in Louisville. Twings' operations. The "Crooks" has gone up with salt, powder, and provisions for the Northern Outfit; on next trip could take up Northern and Sault goods if they were in Buffalo. Has shipped 53 packs of furs. Wishes separate sales accounts of shipments under different marks be kept. Will not allow E. S. Williams to use his name in buying in New York but wishes Crooks to aid him. 4p. 8632

May 30 -- Washington -- From Edward Curtis

Requests information as to price of flour, pork, and whiskey at Mackinac in 1817. 1p. 8633

May 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to G. Baker, Sacketts Harbor Bank

Encloses note to be collected. L.B.G. 13:46 8634

May 30 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Wishes to know terms of transportation lines concerning discounts. L.B.G. 13:47 8635

May 30 -- New Orleans -- From R. L. Lackland

Re bill of lading for lead shipped on account of Mullikin & Pratte. 1p. 8636

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- May 30 -- Liverpool -- From Thomas Boyd  
Has received watch belonging to the late David Lamont. lp. 8637
- May 30 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Re furs forwarded to the Company. lp. 8638
- May 30 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Are pleased with price received for castor oil. lp. 8639
- May 31 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Will not prevent Sibley from accepting favorable offer of Mackenzie. Outfit has no one competent to take Sibley's place. The Company is losing a great deal of trade for want of goods. Has no news from Winnebago claims. 2p. Enclosed in no. 8629. 8640
- June 1 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re payment for castor oil sold by the Company. L.B.C. 13: 4g 8641
- June 1 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has received invoice for books. Encloses invoices for furs and skins shipped. Details contents of shipment. Large quantities of deer skins are being sent to Europe. Rivals are buying deer skins. No deer skins can be sold for home consumption. Wishes to know London market conditions. Re extent of operations of Detroit Department. Expects Hotte's agents to get large part of New York collection. L.B.C. 13:49-51 8642
- June 1 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re peltries shipped to Lampson. Details drafts drawn. L.B.C. 13:52 8643
- June 1 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Ronaud has reported forwarding shipments to the Company. Order for additional goods will soon be shipped. Re supply of blankets. Has not slightest demand for deer skins in home market. L.B.C. 13:53 8644
- June 1 -- Dayton -- From N. D. Grover  
Will send 40,000 skins purchased at Dayton. Is going to Logansport June 2; will meet Brewster at Fort Meigs celebration. lp. 8645
- June 1 -- St. Joseph's -- T. E. Phelps to William Brewster  
Details attempted purchases of two collections in Grand River country which Ewings had made secret advances on. Enclosed in no. 8680. lp. 8646

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- June 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of check to be charged to account of John Agnew.  
Have been informed that discount will be allowed on transportation rates. 1p. 8647
- June 2 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose check to be credited on account. 1p. 8648
- June 2 -- Dundas -- From James B. Ewart  
Details of drafts and accounts. 1p. 8649
- June 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re arrangements about proceeds from sale of castor oil. 1p. 8650
- June 2 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Have received order for blankets. Have forwarded goods of previous order. Annex copy of account. 1p. 8651
- June 3 -- Washington -- From Edward Curtis  
Is grateful that the Company will secure the information from Mackinac. 1p. 8652
- June 3 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Recommends Thomas G. Raitte for good service to the Company in past years. Gave Williams letter to Crooks, so Williams could pay debt to the Company. Details of conversation with Williams in 1839 about going into partnership with Macdonald at Saginaw. Details of Lawe's skin purchase. Juneau has sent 40 packs and 5 boxes of furs; details of contents. Shipment of 12 hogsheads of furs and 15 bales of deer skins by Grover to New York. Borup has sent list of goods sent from New York in the fall of 1839, not received; details of goods received late in the fall. Encloses no. 8654. 3p. 8653
- June 3 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John Hollister  
Will fulfill Grover's contracts at Dayton to save the Company's good name. Crooks is much annoyed. Must get rid of Grover quietly; to be kept ignorant of the Company's feelings towards him until fair settlement is made. John Hollister is to settle with Grover. Sprague made large purchase at Buffalo at low price. Asks if all skins have come in. Heard of Furey's shipment of 300 packs from Logansport. Hears Hollister's agent in Ashtabula county had large collection -- 10,000 raccoons, etc. Requests Hollister to hurry packing in order that all business may be closed before the July meeting. Enclosed in no. 8653. 3p. 8654
- June 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts and notes. L.B.C. 13:54 8655



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- June 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Has credited check on account. L.B.O. 13:55 8656
- June 3 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Re order for beads and directions for shipping. L.B.O. 13:  
56 8657
- June 3 -- New York -- To John Dowling, Galena, Illinois  
Discusses filling of Dowling's order for tin and copper.  
Will forward via New Orleans. L.B.O. 13:57 8658
- June 3 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Details of filling order for merchandise. Discussion of  
accounts in settlement for loss of deer skins on steamer "Medoc".  
Bates & Son have received robes at Boston. L.B.O. 13:58-59 8659
- June 3 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Re account. Discussion of extravagant prices for raccoons.  
L.B.O. 13:60 8660
- June 3 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis  
Lead has not yet arrived. Market shows no sign of improve-  
ment. L.B.O. 13:61 8661
- June 3 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister to William Brewster  
Monroeville collection ready for shipment. Logansport  
packs are coming in. Expects his own collection in two weeks.  
Offers Ohio money he does not need to Brewster. Enclosed in no.  
8680. 1p. 8662
- June 3 -- Bank of Buffalo -- From John R. Lee to the Company  
Encloses funds for W. Ketchum's note. 1p. 8663
- June 3 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Re violations of shipping agreements by captains. Advises  
the Company not to pay freight if goods are not satisfactorily  
stowed. Encloses bill of lading for lead. 1p. 8664
- June 3 -- Sackett's Harbor -- From C. Baker (Cashier)  
Returns draft on Captain Worth who has gone to Winnebago.  
1p. 8665
- June 3 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have corrected error in Lampson's account. Will instruct  
Henry firm to draw draft for order of blankets. Re goods for-  
warded. 2p. 8666
- June 4 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details order for combs. L.B.O. 13:62 8667

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- June 4 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Re freight charges on blankets. Details of merchandise  
to be forwarded to Pierre Chouteau, J. & Co. L.B.C. 13:63 8668
- June 4 -- New York -- To James Crooks, West Flamborough, Upper  
Canada  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 13:64 8669
- June 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Enclose bill for beads. Can supply other Indian goods. 2p.  
8670
- June 4 -- Washington -- From Charles de Montholon  
Asks Crooks to negotiate enclosed letter of exchange. De-  
tails personal affairs. 2p. 8671
- June 4 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Sends drafts and packing account. Arrival of the "Astor"  
and the "Crooks". Appointment of Barbeau as Fish Inspector  
will interfere with his work as clerk of the American Fur Com-  
pany. 1p. 8672
- June 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re notes and drafts received from the Company. 1p. 8673
- June 5 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses letter from the Hon. Edward Curtis desiring in-  
formation contained in books of old Company at Mackinac. L.B.C.  
13:65 8674
- June 5 -- New York -- To Hon. Edward Curtis, Washington  
Request for information has been sent to Mackinac. L.B.C.  
13:66 8675
- June 5 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Enclose invoice for goods forwarded to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co. to be shipped. No change in price of Yorkshire goods.  
1p. 8676
- June 5 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Has shipped 200 packs; 200 more at the head of the rapids.  
2p 8677
- June 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Account of sales is correct. Will give attention to notes.  
Re shipment of deer skins. Most extravagant prices are being  
paid for skins, especially deer and raccoons. Chouteau has gone  
to St. Peters. 2p. 8678
- June 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Are unable to find combs in the market. Can have combs  
made if a sample is sent. 1p. 8679

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- June 6 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of repacked portion of Juneau's shipment. Has warned Samuel Abbott that Ewing agents will compete with him at Mackinac for certain collections. Encloses nos. 8624, 8646, and 8662. 1p. 8680
- June 6 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re difficulty in filling order for combs. L.B.O. 13:67 8681
- June 6 -- New York -- To Geiss & Korckhaus, Philadelphia  
Has received bill for beads. Details of directions for forwarding merchandise to Pittsburgh. L.B.O. 13:68 8682
- June 6 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Regrets that fish arrived in bad condition. Annexes account sales of lead. Re market prices for lead. L.B.O. 13:69 8683
- June 6 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis  
Details of sale of lead at low price. Re prospects for sale of other consignments. L.B.O. 13:70 8684
- June 6 -- New York -- To John Jewett & Son, Present  
Annexes order for lead sold to Jewett. L.B.O. 13:71 8685
- June 6 -- New York -- To Samuel Palmer, Chipping Norton, England  
Has forwarded letter to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Regrets death of Palmer's son. L.B.O. 13:72 8686
- June 6 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Is pleased that orders are filled promptly. The Company prefers superior brand of blankets, as was furnished to Suydam & Kevan for government contract. French blankets are good but manufacturers cannot be depended upon to fill orders. St. Louis firm may buy English blankets. L.B.O. 13:73-74 8687
- June 6 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John R. Lee, Bank of Buffalo  
Has received proceeds of note collected. L.B.O. 13:75 8688
- June 6 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account sales from Lampson and abstract of account with the Company. Details of bills of lading from Ronaud. Discussion of condition of certain store room. L.B.O. 13:76-77 8689
- June 6 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Merchandise is ready to ship. Details of peltries received and ready to ship. Discussion of Lampson's report of London market. Otters sold well at Leipzig fair. Encloses duplicate invoice for blankets. L.B.O. 13:78 8690

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- June 6 -- Winnebago Portage -- From J. B. DuBay  
Wishes information about draft sent to the Company for collection. Wishes to have charge of trade of Lac du Flambeau and Wisconsin river. Arrangement with Rolette and Dousman expires this year. lp. 8691
- June 6 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Regrets delay of skins on trip to market. Details of furs secured from various sources. 2p. 8692
- June 6 -- Toronto -- From William F. Gooding  
Gives details of thirty packs shipped to Buffalo. 2p. 8693
- June 6 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Draft drawn to pay for small lot of good peltries, which are becoming scarce. lp. 8694
- June 6 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 8695
- June 8 -- Pittsburgh -- From William Bingham  
Annexes receipt for small lot of skins forwarded. lp. 8696
- June 8 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re peltries ready for shipment. L.B.C. 13:79 8697
- June 8 -- New York -- George Ehninger to G. Baker, Sacketts Harbor Bank  
Has received draft. L.B.C. 13:80 8698
- June 8 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Lists prices paid by rivals for eastern furs. The Company has compelled Hotte's agents to pay more than skins are likely to sell for. Is pleased that others may sell in London. Re plans for further shipments. L.B.C. 13:81-82 8699
- June 8 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Discussion of transportation charges between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Desires statements from several lines of actual present practice. L.B.C. 13:83 8700
- June 8 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of enclosed drafts. L.B.C. 13:84 8701
- June 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose draft to be collected. lp. 8702
- June 8 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Are glad the order pleased Crooks. Draft drawn. lp. 8703
- June 9 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Northern Lake Company has arrived, bringing cargo of salt,

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provisions and few goods. Does not consider this rivalry of very serious consequence. Oakes has arrived; returns from his department are good. Regrets lack of market for large quantity of fish. Re preparations to ship fish to the West Indies. Annexes comparative statement of Fond du Lac department for 1839 and 1840. (Northern Outfit Letters, 1840). 3p. 8704

June 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re shipments of deer skins via Pittsburg. 1p. 8705

June 9 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons, Buffalo  
Details of reports from Lapointe and Detroit of goods missing. L.B.C. 13:85 8706

June 9 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Borup has sent list of goods missing in shipment of 1839. Regrets disappointment at Lake Superior. Annexes list of Grover's drafts. L.B.C. 13:86 8707

June 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Regret misunderstanding with transportation company about rates. Re certain drafts. 1p. 8708

June 10 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Encloses goods order for Lawe. [Not enclosed.] 1p. 8709

June 10 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Received 600 barrels of fish. The "Crooks" will wait for instructions from Crooks about transportation of goods for the North. Large delegation left morning of June 10 for Whig celebration at Fort Meigs. 1p. 8710

June 10 -- New York -- From A. H. Center & Son  
Request copy of account of sales of certain robes. 1p. 8711

June 10 -- New York -- George Maninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will give attention to draft. L.B.C. 13:87 8712

June 10 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for furs and skins shipped. Re directions for sale of otters. Re skins still on hand. Details policy of Hotté's agents. Annexes memoranda of collections purchased by Hotté's agents. L.B.C. 13:88-90 8713

June 10 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re furs and skins shipped to Lampson. L.B.C. 13:91 8714

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- June 10 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Re directions to forward all shipments through Bingham's  
line. Re merchandise to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 13:  
92 8715
- June 10 -- New York -- To James B. Ewart, Dundas, Canada  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 13:93 8716
- June 10 -- New York -- To Henry Chouteau, St. Louis  
Discussion of efforts to secure loan for Chouteau. "Illin-  
ois scrip" is not acceptable at any rate. L.B.C. 13:94 8717
- June 10 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh  
Discussion of Hollister's failure to mark packs properly  
and danger of losing insurance. Packing account of every ship-  
ment should be sent to the Company. Gives directions for ascer-  
taining damage on peltries. Re omissions in Hollister's draft.  
Regrets exceedingly that Grover was ever allowed to go to Dayton.  
L.B.C. 13:95-96 8718
- June 10 -- Washington -- From Charles de Montholon  
Is grateful for negotiation of draft. Asks Crooks to pay  
certain bills Montholon owes in New York. 2p. 8719
- June 10 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Enclose certificate of insurance and affidavit re shipment  
of lead. 1p. 8720
- June 11 -- Lapointe -- From Frederick Baraga  
Begg Crooks to buy bell. 1p. 8721
- June 11 -- New York -- To Post-master General, Washington  
Encloses account of mail contractor in Prairie du Chien  
region. Requests payment. L.B.C. 13:97 8722
- June 11 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Has received robes, which appear very inferior. L.B.C. 13:  
98 8723
- June 11 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Has paid Chouteau's subscription to the "Daily Herald".  
Has shipped furs and skins to London. Encloses bond of indem-  
nity for bills drawn for the Company. L.B.C. 13:99-100 8724
- June 11 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John B. Whetten, St.  
Louis  
Whetten's resignation as director of the Company has been  
accepted. L.B.C. 13:101 8725
- June 11 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Enclose duplicate invoices of goods shipped. 1p. 8726

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- June 11 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Have forwarded furs. Have received notice of shipment of stoves from Montreal; will forward them as directed. Details furs received from Lewiston and expenses on them. 3p. 8727
- June 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re shipments of lead. 1p. 8728
- June 11 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has received part of blankets. Encloses bill of lading for skins. 1p. 8729
- June 12 -- Monroeville -- From John Hollister (per Chas. Hollister)  
Has shipped 150 packs. 1p. 8730
- June 12 -- Dayton -- Francis E. Phelps to M. D. Grover  
Details of additional furs bought. Memorandum of \$12,000 received for skins. Has 3,000 skins ready for shipment. Paid high prices. Enclosed in no. 9374. 1p. 8731
- June 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose receipt for sum paid on account of John Agnew. 1p. 8732
- June 13 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of draft drawn. L.B.C. 13:102 8733
- June 13 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Discussion of purchases by Center and by Hotte's agents. Receipt of large quantities of deer skins compel the Company to make further shipments. L.B.C. 13:103-104 8734
- June 13 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegaes, New Orleans  
Goods have arrived in excellent order. Encloses bill of lading for copper, tin plate, etc. to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 13:105 8735
- June 13 -- New York -- To Conley & Elder, New Orleans  
Details of tin and copper to be forwarded to Dowling at Galena. L.B.C. 13:106 8736
- June 13 -- New York -- To Charles de Montholon, Washington  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 13:107 8737
- June 13 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
The Company can supply funds on Liverpool. L.B.C. 13:108 8738

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- June 13 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Details of accounts. The new Company with Hulbert at the  
head may succeed. Regrets late shipment of Livingston's sup-  
plies. Re directions for complete inventory. L.B.C. 13:109-  
110 8739
- June 13 -- Toronto -- William F. Gooding to William Brewster  
Details of successful purchasing operations. Enclosed in  
no. 8801. 1p. 8740
- June 13 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Have made shipment of lead. Requests Crooks to pay note  
due Small, Williams & Co. by Mullikin & Pratte. 2p. 8741
- June 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have shipped robes sold to Boyd & Sons of Boston. Boyds  
are to pay insurance and transportation. 1p. 8742
- June 13 -- Washington -- From the Postoffice Department  
Details of balance paid to Pierre Barrette. 1p. 8743
- June 14 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has forwarded goods. Water is very low; freight will be  
high soon. 1p. 8744
- June 15 -- New York -- To G. K. Gardner, Auditor, Post Office  
Department  
Has received draft. L.B.C. 13:111 8745
- June 15 -- New York -- To Charles de Montholon, Washington  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 13:112 8746
- June 15 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John Holiday  
Discussion of attitude of the Company towards some factors.  
Desires Crooks to settle with him. Asks for \$3,000 as his share  
of profits of the Northern Outfit for the past six years. Knows  
the Company has made money. More furs taken out in last year  
than any time since 1834. Holiday has no means of support; does  
not want to postpone settlement longer. 2p. 8747
- June 15 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From Mary Holiday Holt  
Hopes Crooks will approve of her marriage to Dr. Holt of  
the United States army. Jane still conducts the little school.  
States that her father paid the money due Miss Grant. 2p. 8748
- June 15 -- Washington -- From James Monroe to the Company  
Is giving attention to Company's Indian business. 1p. 8749
- June 15 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Regret inability to dispose of the Company's bills on



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Liverpool, payable in London. Same difficulty appears in Philadelphia and New York markets, due to light importations. lp.

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June 16 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose Franchere's draft for acceptance. lp.

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June 16 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Thinks the Company will suffer big loss on Grover's late purchases; advises Center & Son be requested to write Dayton collectors as to the Company's opinion of Grover's operations there. Has shipped 75 packs. Details Gooding's shipments from Hamilton and Toronto. Grover shipped 10 hogsheads and 11 packs from Dayton. Wishes shipping invoices with the Company's statements regarding them and account of acceptances made for Northern Department as Brewster will soon be settling with agents. Brig detained for second shipment of salt; Sault goods may arrive in time to go up. Requests 20 tons of pipe clay be got in New York. 2p.

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June 16 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has received proceeds of drafts. L.B.O. 13:113

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June 16 -- New York -- To John Dowling, Galena

Encloses invoice of tin and copper shipped via New Orleans, as directed. L.B.O. 13:114

8754

June 16 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien

Has filled Dowling's order, payment of which was guaranteed by Dousman. L.B.O. 13:115

8755

June 16 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Details of shipment of blankets. Encloses invoices of goods forwarded. Has received bill of lading for lead. Re Greenough's dissatisfaction with quality of robes. L.B.O. 13:116-117

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June 16 -- Albany -- From H. Niles & Co.

Bill of lading from Parsons & Co. differs from the number of packs of furs received. Suspect an error in shipping bill. Ask to have report from the Company as to exact number of packs in shipment. Details of furs forwarded to the Company. lp.

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June 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Re furs, skins and lead shipped. Error has been found in assortment of French blankets. lp.

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June 17 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Introduces William Wheeler of Chicago who has collection of furs to sell in New York. lp.

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- June 17 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses draft and account current. L.B.C. 13:118 8761
- June 17 -- New York -- To H. Niles & Co., Albany  
Discussion of pack missing in recent shipment. L.B.C. 13:  
119 8762
- June 17 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Details of shipments received. Re lost pack of furs. Is  
pleased that powder has been forwarded. Encloses bill of lading  
for merchandise to be forwarded to St. Marys and Mackinac.  
L.B.C. 13:120-121 8763
- June 17 -- Hamilton -- From William F. Gooding  
Drafts drawn. lp. 8764
- June 17 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Ohio is very low. Doubtful if the Company's goods can be  
shipped. lp. 8765
- June 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose draft to be collected. lp. 8766
- June 18 -- Georgetown -- From Clement Cox  
Re charges for professional services for Chouteau. lp. 8767
- June 18 -- New York -- To Charles de Montholon, Washington  
Draft in favor of Nourse has been paid. L.B.C. 13:122 8768
- June 18 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Juneau's drafts will be protected. L.B.C. 13:123 8769
- June 18 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will remit proceeds of draft, as directed. L.B.C. 13:124  
8770
- June 18 -- College Point -- From John Spotswood Garland  
Needs some money. Garland's father said he should go to  
New York for dental work and clothes. Is to go to Detroit with  
Fred Sibley. lp. 8771
- June 18 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Have entire confidence in sales policy of the Company. lp.  
8772
- June 18 -- Havre -- From Tardieu & Loubat  
Re payment of bill. lp. 8773

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- June 19 -- Mackinac -- From Biddle & Drew  
Will keep furs until Crooks's arrival in Mackinac. lp. 8774
- June 19 -- Pittsburgh -- From William Bingham  
Details of deer skins received from Franchere and forwarded to the Company. lp. 8775
- June 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Is pleased that goods are being shipped. Has not received Lampson's account of sales. Has drawn drafts. L.B.O. 13:125-126 8776
- June 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re small quantity of Albany collections. Discusses shipments being prepared. L.B.O. 13:127 8777
- June 19 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Re accounts. Is grateful for prompt filling of orders. L.B.O. 13:128 8778
- June 19 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Nourse should accept only New York funds in payment of Winnebago claims. If necessary, Crooks will see Secretary of Treasury about payment. L.B.O. 13:129 8779
- June 19 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Will ship entire order of supplies soon. Wishes specific directions about screw tap. Expects supplies to reach Fort Winnebago in good season. Discussion of difficulty in restraining DuBay. Chippewa annuity will be paid at Lapointe very late. Details of rejection of certain traders' claims under Chippewa treaty. Has renewed agreement with Hudson's Bay Company. Simpson will cooperate to prevent any opposition by Aitken. Encloses Simpson's communication to be delivered to Lake La Pluie Department. L.B.O. 13:130-132 8780
- June 19 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis  
Has paid net proceeds of sale of lead, as directed. L.B.O. 13:133 8781
- June 19 -- New York -- To H. Niles & Co., Albany  
Re packs of furs and skins received. L.B.O. 13:134 8782
- June 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re accounts. Hope Bates & Son have settled with the Company. lp. 8783
- June 19 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose copy of account of sales rendered by Lampson. lp. 8784

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- June 20 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
 Regrets that rivers are so low. Details of goods for  
 St. Louis and importance of prompt shipment. L.B.C. 13:135 8785
- June 20 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Re furs and skins shipped to Lampson. L.B.C. 13:136 8786
- June 20 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Discussion of effect of London news on prices in the interior. Details of activities of Hotte's agents. Results of Leipzig fair equal the Company's highest expectations. Is pleased with condition of European market. Will sell beaver for home trade even at low rates. Encloses invoices for furs and skins. Discussion of future shipments. L.B.C. 13:137-140 8787
- June 20 -- New York -- To Clement Cox, Georgetown  
 Will honor draft. L.B.C. 13:141 8788
- June 20 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
 Discussion of Greenough's claim for damaged robes, and need for Chouteau firm to retrieve reputation by careful inspection and packing. Re French blankets to be shipped. Annexes memoranda of goods for the Western Outfit. Lampson considers prospects fair for bears, deer skins, and raccoons. Loss of raccoons purchased by Russians is likely to increase price. L.B.C. 13:142-143 8789
- June 20 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
 Bell will offer resolution on Tuesday. Will observe directions about character of funds. lp. 8790
- June 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
 Are interested in prices and prospects of fur market. Hope Lampson is not mistaken in his views. Re boat and robes lost. Have shipped deer skins. lp. 8791
- June 20 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Enclose check for proceeds of note collected. lp. 8792
- June 21 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette  
 Re Sibley's offer from Chouteau. Will leave decision to Dousman and Rolette. Does not wish the Company to suffer by Sibley's leaving St. Peters. lp. (Western Outfit Papers, 1840) 8793
- June 21 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley  
 Esteems Sibley too highly to oppose his offer from Mackenzie. Has written Mackenzie his concurrence in contemplated venture, provided Sibley's place at St. Peters can be filled. Will write to Rolette. (Western Outfit Papers, 1840) lp. 8794

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June 21 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman

Wishes to contribute to prosperity of Sibley if he can be replaced without detriment to the Company's interest. Has no objection to Rolette's managing upper Mississippi if Dousman is willing. Has forwarded supplies via Pittsburgh. Regrets delay in filling order. Is now hopeful that investigation of Winnebago claims will soon be closed and claims paid as Fleming recommended. (Western Outfit Papers, 1840). 2p. 8795

June 21 -- College Point -- From John Spotswood Garland

Re arrangement about going to New York for dental work. lp. 8796

June 21 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister

Encloses invoice. Certain packs have lost board; to be assigned to G[rover] or F[urey] until found. lp. 8797

June 22 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Requests payment of subscription to magazine. lp. 8798

June 22 -- Mackinac -- Samuel Abbott to William Brewster

Details of collection and high prices offered by Ewings for Lasley's furs; \$5218 which he owes the Company to be gotten from him in Detroit. Enclosed in no. 8849. lp. 8799

June 22 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Abbott does not dare bid on certain collection without instructions about furs. Lawe's and Juneau's furs not in. lp. 8800

June 22 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Has been to Cleveland to buy flour for Lake Superior. Franck has shipped 400 packs; 1800 in all. Has shipped Saginaw returns -- 45 packs. no sales of fish. Encloses no. 8740. lp. 8801

June 22 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Has received check for proceeds of note collected. Details of draft. L.B.C. 13:144 8802

June 22 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis

Lead market shows no improvement. L.B.C. 13:145 8803

June 22 -- Peru -- George W. Ewing to William Brewster

Wishes to speak with Brewster on something of importance. Will be in Detroit, July 4. Enclosed in no. 8849. lp. 8804

June 22 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Re furs forwarded via Pittsburgh. Have drawn draft. Re quality of these skins. lp. 8805

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- June 22 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has forwarded merchandise to St. Louis. Some goods were  
damaged when received. lp. 8806
- June 23 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Wishes to know financial standing of certain firm. Re  
freight charges paid as directed by Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 13:  
146 8807
- June 23 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Encloses draft. - L.B.C. 13:147 8808
- June 23 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Expects Furey and Grover in about ten days for settlement;  
requests certain papers. lp. 8809
- June 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Checks sent by the Company are correct. lp. 8810
- June 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Thinks the Company can dictate prices of raccoon and deer-  
skins; is glad prospects for them are good. Regrets Crooks has  
allowed Hotte's agents to buy collections at New York. News of  
loss of skins on certain ship came too late to affect prices.  
lp. 8811
- June 24 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover  
Furey's and Grover's Logansport purchases are on the way.  
Will go to Perrysburg in about ten days to settle accounts with  
the Company. lp. 8812
- June 24 -- Mackinac -- Samuel Abbott to William Brewster  
Has given William Lasley his account with the Company which  
he must pay to Brewster with drafts received from Ewing's pur-  
chase. Enclosed in no. 8849. lp. 8813
- June 24 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Shipment of deer skins delayed by low water. Has proposed  
that captain tranship skins on small boats. lp. 8814
- June 24 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have received draft from the Company. lp. 8815
- June 25 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Credit of Boyd & Sons stands fair in the market. Will set-  
tle bills when in New York. lp. 8816
- June 25 -- New York -- To Wixdes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 13:148 8817

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- June 25 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampsom, London  
Re recent purchases made by Hotte's agents. L.B.O. 13:149 8818
- June 25 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegaes, New Orleans  
Details of skins received in damaged condition. Requests that all packages be examined before being shipped. Prefers that bill of lading accompany goods. L.B.O. 13:150-151 8819
- June 25 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses invoice for shipment of pipe clay. Re transportation rates. Gooding's packs have arrived. Re receipt of part of Grover's purchases. Details of drafts. Will send statement of all shipments received from agents. L.B.O. 13:152-153 8820
- June 25 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses invoice for merchandise forwarded to Western Outfit. English goods have not arrived. L.B.O. 13:154-155 8821
- June 25 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Re shipment of pipe clay and directions about freight rates. Clay should be forwarded to Brewster. L.B.O. 13:156 8822
- June 25 -- Peru, Indiana -- George W. Ewing to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
Re discussion with Brewster that reorganization of the Company is likely. Discussion of offers in 1839 from the Company to Ewings. Is very necessary that some agreement be now made. Re proposals for uniting of the companies, or for Chouteaus to take an interest in Ewings firm. Ewings are able to sustain their business as hitherto. (Detroit Department Papers) 3p. 8823
- June 25 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Is pleased that packet line paid for the missing skins. Encloses bill of lading for lead received from St. Louis. Will forward lead at lowest possible freight. lp. 8824
- June 25 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Encloses duplicate bill of lading for lead. lp. 8825
- June 26 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Ewings have bought Lasley's furs; details of prices. Received Lawe's collection. lp. 8826
- June 26 -- Pittsburgh -- From William Bingham  
Re furs received from Cincinnati and forwarded. lp. 8827
- June 26 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has credited freight bill on account. L.B.O. 13:157 8828

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June 26 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
 Lead market is very dull. Discussion of poor management of French manufacturers in filling orders for blankets. Re question of delivering robes to Boyds. Details accounts with Bates & Son. L.B.O. 13:158-161 8829

June 26 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
 Nourse's suggestion would produce peace but Crooks cannot accept it. Crooks expects to hear from Doty. L.B.O. 13:162 8830

June 26 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis  
 Has sold lead for cash. L.B.O. 13:163 8831

June 26 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
 Shipment of furs got from Lexington, Kentucky. Spafford left for Detroit three days before. lp. 8832

June 26 -- Louisville -- Van Winkle & White to N. D. Grover  
 No Company agent saw them on a certain date; details of collection sold to Ewings. Will sell skins on hand to the Company; details. Enclosed in no. 9374. lp. 8833

June 26 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
 Company goods have arrived and been forwarded to Brewster and Abbott. Lake Superior consignment received from Canada was sent to Detroit to be forwarded. Annex complete statement of furs and skins forwarded to the Company. 3p. 8834

June 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
 Re accounts. Hope to receive goods soon. Have shipped robes. The Company may settle claim with Greenough. lp. 8835

June 27 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
 Found Missing goods in certain warehouse. Brig has gone up with salt and provisions; will take Northern goods on next trip. Details shipment of 49 packs by Scott, Iten & Co. Has purchased 800 raccoons in Huron county, Ohio. Wishes to know if Crooks wants brig sent to Buffalo for goods. lp. 8836

June 27 -- St. Louis -- From Chouteau & Mackenzie  
 Directions about enclosed drafts. lp. 8837

June 27 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
 Have blankets ready to ship. Blue cloth delayed by dyers. lp. 8838

June 27 -- Monroeville -- From John Hollister (per E. B. Perkins)  
 Certain skins to be distinguished from his own purchases. lp. 8839



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- June 27 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Re quantity of lead forwarded. lp. 8840
- June 27 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Bell's attempt to introduce resolution was unsuccessful.  
The Company's interests being pressed. lp. 8841
- June 27 -- Dayton -- Francis E. Phelps to N. D. Grover  
Will have about 4,000 more skins. Hears that Leipsic sale  
was very successful. Will change route of shipment to Columbus.  
Enclosed in no. 9374. lp. 8842
- June 27 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Encloses bills of lading for furs, skins, and robes. River  
is very low. lp. 8843
- June 29 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Re furs forwarded on the "Brewster" and furs still on hand.  
Has had to use casks, boxes, and barrels in packing furs. Mis-  
sing goods have not yet arrived. Fishing goes on well. (North-  
ern Outfit Letters, 1840). lp. 8844
- June 29 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Discussion of prices for various kinds of skins. Will give  
attention to Ermatinger's draft. Barbeau cannot be both Fish  
Inspector and Company employee. Encloses invoice of supplies.  
L.B.C. 13:164-165 8845
- June 29 -- New York -- To Biddle & Drew, Mackinac  
Is pleased that skins were kept for the Company. L.B.C. 13:  
166 8846
- June 29 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Re weight of clay in recent shipment. Re shipments to be  
forwarded to Abbott and Franchere. L.B.C. 13:167 8847
- June 29 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Enclose invoice for blankets. Will ship cloth soon. lp. 8848
- June 30 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Encloses orders from Saginaw Outfit, Borup and Department  
[Not enclosed]. Asks immediate instructions about course to be  
adopted toward possible Ewing proposal. Lasley will accept the  
Company's proposal to furnish goods if he can get rid of the  
Ewings. Brewster has threatened to set a Company up on Grand  
River if traders will not buy of the Company. Copy of draft on  
Pickersgill & Co. for payment of taxes on G. Wildes' Michigan  
lands enclosed. Encloses nos. 8799, 8804, 8813. lp. 8849
- June 30 -- New York -- To Julius T. Borup, Copenhagen  
Encloses bill of exchange on London, as directed by C. W.  
Borup. L.B.C. 13:168 8850

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- June 30 -- New York -- To John Junner, Edinburgh  
Encloses bill of exchange and letter from Justina McLeod.  
L.B.O. 13:169 8851
- June 30 -- New York -- To Alexander Mackenzie, Rosshire, North  
Britain  
Encloses letter for Junner. L.B.O. 13:170 8852
- June 30 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie (per Alex Duff)  
Draft on the Company in favor of Stewart. Mr. and Mrs.  
Mackenzie expected back daily. lp. 8853
- June 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Bills drawn by the Company have been protected. Goods from  
Henry firm ready for shipment. lp. 8854
- June 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose abstract of account current for last six months  
[Not enclosed] showing balance in favor of Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co. lp. 8855
- June 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 8856
- July 1 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of accounts. Re amount of Henry & Co.'s invoices.  
Annexes list of drafts drawn. L.B.O. 13:171-172 8857
- July 1 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Invoice of outlery is correct. Has directed Wildes, Pick-  
ersgill & Co. to make settlement. L.B.O. 13:173 8858
- July 1 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Has received letters and invoices. L.B.O. 13:174 8859
- July 1 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London  
Details of letters received. News from Leipsic has not  
dampened ardor of Hotte's agents who engross everything at full  
prices, especially raccoons. Re shipment of furs and skins.  
Has drawn drafts on Liverpool. L.B.O. 13:175-176 8860
- July 1 -- New York -- To Stephen F. Nidelet, Philadelphia  
Encloses copy of account and draft for balance due Nidelet.  
L.B.O. 13:177 8861
- July 1 -- New York -- To Cox & Sons, Baltimore  
Requests remittance for enclosed note. L.B.O. 13:178 8862
- July 1 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie (per O. Rhodes)  
Draft in Mackenzie's favor enclosed. Duplicate letter en-  
closed. 2p. 8863

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July 1 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Biddle is still waiting for the Company's offer. Orders sugar, pepper, shoes, feathers, etc. 1p. 8864

July 1 -- Pierry près Epernay -- From -- Loisson

Has sent champagne to be sold for Baraga who needs funds for his work in civilizing Indians. Is grateful for the Company's aid in helping Baraga. Encloses letter for Baraga. 2p. (French) 8865

July 1 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.

Details expenses on consignment of goods from Canada. Have arranged line of brigs to upper lakes that will charge less than steamboat rates. Will investigate matter of missing furs. 4p. 8866

July 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Will follow directions in packing robes. Discussion of order for French blankets. Annex statement of robes bought by Powells and prices paid. Collections of robes are unusually large. 1p. 8867

July 2 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Regrets loss of robes. Bates has given note for robes purchased in St. Louis. Re post-office charges for letters. L.B.C. 13:179-180 8868

July 2 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Is pleased that account of sales was found to be correct. Details of bills paid. L.B.C. 13:181 8869

July 2 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegaes, New Orleans

Encloses bill of lading for blankets to be forwarded to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. Re matter of damaged skins and statement needed to collect claims. L.B.C. 13:182 8870

July 2 -- New York -- To R. L. Lackland, New Orleans

Lead has arrived. L.B.C. 13:183 8871

July 2 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie

Re shipment of additional merchandise. Encloses abstract of account of St. Mary's Outfit with the Company office. Cannot sell lake fish. Discussion of prospects for fish trade. Details extravagant prices being paid for furs. Goods from Montreal have been forwarded. L.B.C. 13:184-186 8872

July 2 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis

Encloses account sales of lead. L. B.C. 13:189 8873

July 2 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.

Annex statement of account. Are pleased that Crooks is satisfied with blankets sent to Suydam & Kevan for their government contract. Can send same quality to the Company. Have drawn draft on Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. for amount of invoice. 2p. 8874

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- July 2 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie (per C. Rhodes)  
S. H. Kennedy is going East with valuable documents for  
Astor. Hopes Astor will have deeds ready for Kennedy to take  
back on return to West. lp. 8875
- July 2 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie (per C. Rhodes)  
Enclosure of draft collectible. Certain sum from it to be  
paid J. J. Astor for lands bought of him. lp. 8876
- July 2 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Encloses bill of lading for lead. lp. 8877
- July 2 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Encloses bill of lading for skins. lp. 8878
- July 3 -- New York -- George Enninger to P. Wells, Troy  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 13:187 8879
- July 3 -- New York -- George Enninger to Martin Bates & Son,  
Boston  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 13:188 8880
- July 3 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Details of accounts. Discussion of Lasley's purchases for  
Ewings and extravagant prices paid. Re directions for forward-  
ing collections. Encloses invoice of supplies forwarded. English  
goods have just arrived. Discussion of relations with Lawe.  
James will join Abbott and remain as long as needed. Lime must  
be supplied to Borup. Duvernay's Chippewa claim has been rejectec  
Santelli's books were sold at Custom House. Re Baird's statement  
about Lawe's property. L.B.C. 13:190-194 8881
- July 3 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoice for supplies. L.B.C. 13:195 8882
- July 3 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Will forward robes received from St. Louis. Details ship-  
ment of lead. lp. 8883
- July 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. May have to draw for considerable amounts  
during next month or two. Desire copy of account current and  
account sales. lp. 8884
- July 3 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re goods from Henry firm ready to forward. lp. 8885
- July 4 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account of sales for lead and furs and skins.  
Loubat has reported receipt of remainder of French blankets.  
L.B.C. 13:196 8886

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- July 4 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Discussion of accounts. Shipments have arrived in good order. Re directions to ship all goods of one mark together. Re lost goods found by Brewster. L.B.C. 13:197-198 8887
- July 4 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Is pleased that goods for Northern Outfit have been found. Brewster may decide about sending brig to Buffalo. Re returns received. L.B.C. 13:199 8888
- July 4 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
The Company is much in want of money. Expects Congress to pass appropriation bills before adjourning. Payments to the Company should be in New York funds. L.B.C. 13:200 8889
- July 4 -- New York -- To J. B. Farribault, Fort Snelling  
Discussion of Stambaugh's responsibility to settle with the United States about island at the mouth of the St. Peters. L.B.C. 13:201 8890
- July 4 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Encloses invoice for goods forwarded on Sibley's private account. Wishes to know opinion of sample rifles. L.B.C. 13:202 8891
- July 4 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses invoice for goods on Rolette's private account. Goods were forwarded via Pittsburgh. L.B.C. 13:203 8892
- July 4 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Annexes invoice for blue cloth forwarded to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. to be shipped. lp. 8893
- July 4 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co. (per Wm. Smith)  
Re drafts of Borup, Livingston and Crooks. lp. 8894
- July 6 -- Philadelphia -- From J. M. Barclay & Co.  
Encloses draft of John Hollister for acceptance. lp. 8895
- July 6 -- Baltimore -- From Joseph Cox & Sons  
Details of draft in payment of note. lp. 8896
- July 6 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Encloses duplicate invoices. No certainty exists of Stambaugh getting through Congress the appropriation for purchase of Farribault's island. Details of Doty's efforts in re Winnebago affairs, and Stambaugh's opposition. Business continues miserable. Demand for skins is good in Europe. Otters cannot be sent to China. L.B.C. 13:204-205 8897

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- July 6 -- New York -- To Hercules Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses abstract of account and letter for Sibley. Re Rolette's complaints about division of money under Sioux and Winnebago treaties. Crooks will fulfill agreement made with Astor in January, 1839. Does not approve of DuBay in charge at Fort Winnebago; re DuBay's lack of qualifications. Encloses invoice for shipment of powder. Expects English goods soon. Re filling of order. Has insurance on merchandise in store at Prairie du Chien. Robes should be sold in West. Discussion of condition of fur market. Raccoons are in demand in Russian market. L.B.C. 13:206-211 8898
- July 6 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Will give prompt attention to order for goods. Crooks is greatly pleased that rivals obtain skins at prevailing rates. Brewster should have no dealings with G. W. Ewing. L.B.C. 13:212 8899
- July 6 -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell  
Has shipped 98 packs to Samuel Abbott, as directed. lp. 8900
- July 6 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Re furs forwarded. Have sent clay pipes and other goods to the Lakes by brig. Wine for Franchere will be forwarded as soon as received. Are investigating matter of missing goods in last year's shipments. lp. 8901
- July 6 -- Dayton -- Francis E. Phelps to N. D. Grover  
Did not pay too high prices for skins. Changed route of transportation because river was low. Prefers drafts for small amounts. Re Ames' collection. Duplicate of his account. Enclosed in no. 9374. 2p. 8902
- July 6 -- Troy -- From P. Wells (Cashier)  
Has received note to be collected. lp. 8903
- July 7 -- New York -- To Barclay & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses draft. L.B.C. 13:213 8904
- July 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 13:214 8905
- July 7 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of draft paid. Has noted payments made for the Company. Encloses Ermatinger's draft to be accepted. L.B.C. 13:215-216 8906
- July 7 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Encloses invoice for shoes and stoves from Canada. L.B.C. 13:217 8907
- July 7 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoice. L.B.C. 13:218 8908

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- July 7 -- New York -- To James Haary, Boulton Gun Works  
Annexes order for rifles. L.B.C. 13:219 8909
- July 7 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Accounts are correct. Re part of shipments not received.  
L.B.C. 13:220 8910
- July 7 -- New York -- To William Bingham, Pittsburgh  
Details of directions for securing allowance on damaged  
skins. L.B.C. 13:221 8911
- July 7 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Will fill orders at once. Wishes directions about copper  
kettles. Re order for cloth. Details of drafts. L.B.C. 13:  
222-224 8912
- July 7 -- Toronto -- From William F. Gooding  
Drafts drawn. lp. 8913
- July 7 -- Hagerstown, Maryland -- From Ratcliff & Krieh to the  
Company  
Request price of deer skins. lp. 8914
- July 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. 8915
- July 7 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Has been to Philadelphia. Washington banks in confusion;  
have ceased to collect. lp. 8916
- July 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Hope importation of French blankets can be arranged satis-  
factorily. The Company has full authority in making sales of  
robes. Details of robes sold to Bates. 2p. 8917
- July 7 -- River St. Peter's -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Non-arrival of goods will cost the Outfit several thousands.  
Last of Sioux Outfit packs have been shipped. lp. 8918
- July 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion of relations with Bromley. Enclose drafts to be  
collected. lp. 8919
- July 7 -- Pittsburgh -- From Joseph Throckmorton  
Statement of funds needed. Has been authorized by Hercules  
L. Douman of Prairie du Chien to draw draft on the Company for  
account of Western Outfit. lp. 8920
- July 8 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
G. W. Ewing wishes to make arrangements with the Company;  
Brewster has referred him to Crooks. Goods for St. Marie have

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gone up. Shipment of 20 packs. Gooding has purchased all skins in his district; will soon ship to New York. McKay says coopers hired at St. Catharine's are not needed. lp. 8921

July 8 -- New York -- To C. M. Lamson, London

Re shipment of deer skins. Has drawn draft on Liverpool. Opponents continue to pay high prices for all kinds of furs. L.B.C. 13:225 8922

July 8 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Will give immediate attention to the order for retail store. The Company has no advice about Biddle & Drew's collection. L.B.C. 13:226 8923

July 8 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis

Has sent bill to Boston for collection. Re enclosed certificate for deposit which is payable only at Lapointe. L.B.C. 13:227 8924

July 8 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Has received check for proceeds of Bromley's debt. L.B.C. 13:228 8925

July 8 -- New York -- To Joseph Cox & Sons, Baltimore

Has received check in payment of account. L.B.C. 13:229 8926

July 8 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes

Re arrangements for forwarding robes. lp. 8927

July 9 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Will send this letter by G. W. Ewing who is on his way to New York. Has had full discussion concerning past differences with the Ewings. G. W. Ewing desires that their firm may yet make some trading arrangement with the Company, and wishes to give full explanation of past events. (Detroit Department Papers). lp. 8928

July 9 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Gives details of conversation with Ewing. Enclosed in no. 8944. lp. (Open letter given to Ewing.) 8929

July 9 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Will send brig to Buffalo for goods for Lake Superior. Discussion of his position on making agreement with Ewings. lp. 8930

July 9 -- New York -- To Ratcliff & Kriegh, Hagerstown

Cannot furnish kind of deer skins wanted. Gives prices of deer skins. L.B.C. 12:230 8931



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July 9 -- Perrysburgh -- From John Hollister

Only Millman's collection remains for shipment. Logansport packs are on the way to Perrysburgh. Discusses possible underhanded dealing of Grover. Furey is waiting at Perrysburgh for Grover to appear for settlement. 2p. 8932

July 9 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud

Encloses bill of lading for deer skins. This shipment was 33 days in passage from St. Louis. Annexes statement of damaged skins and amount of allowance for them. lp. 8933

July 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. to G. W.

Ewing

Trading operations of Chouteaus are not likely to undergo any change at present. Agrees that fur business is measurably destroyed by spirited competition and high prices. Whole history of fur trade goes to show that regular opposition is certain to end in discomfiture of one or the other party engaged in it. Chouteaus are accustomed to opposition in all shapes and are not easily alarmed. Will communicate with Crooks on the matter. 2p. (Detroit Department Papers) 8934

July 10 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Encloses invoices for deer skins shipped. Requests that all inferior deer skins be sold if possible. Re quantity of returns in 1840. L.B.C. 13:231-232 8935

July 10 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re shipment of deer skins to Lampson. L.B.C. 13:233 8936

July 10 -- Toronto -- From William F. Gooding

Shipment has been made. lp. 8937

July 10 -- Boulton -- From James Henry

Will fill order according to directions. lp. 8938

July 10 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes

Encloses bill of lading for robes. lp. 8939

July 10 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse

Fears claims will not be settled in this session. Has got military committee to advise Secretary of War to advocate an appropriation of \$12,000. lp. 8940

July 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Re shipment of robes and lead. Enclose [Not enclosed] copies of communication received from G. W. Ewing and reply of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. Ewing seems to be tired of the strife. Regret that the Company has to pay such exorbitant prices. Ewing seems to suppose that the Company and Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. have a common interest in all the trade; have not undeceived him. lp. [No enclosures, but see no. 8934.] 8941

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July 10 -- Detroit -- From Henry R. Schoolcraft to James Ord  
(Sub-agent)

Directs that Berthkeht be allowed to return to his family but his license cannot be renewed. Urges Ord to exercise vigilance that no ardent spirits be taken into the Indian country. No civil officer of the government has any authority to introduce this article. (Northern Outfit Miscellany). lp. 8942

July 11 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose check in payment of note. lp.

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July 11 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

If agreement is made with Ewings, has suggestions to offer Franchere in Detroit. Had to send shipment by Ohio and Erie Canals. Brewster will send Crooks the average cost of Franchere's purchases when the accounts of the latter are finished. Will have Franchere write of his operations and competition. Franchere and Spafford secured large lots of 1841 crop before leaving their districts. Franchere and Brewster consider Spafford very valuable employee. Has shipped nine packs of furs; Jeanneau's five packs have been shipped; gives details. lp. 8944  
Encloses no. 8929.

July 11 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account of sales. Details of report received concerning shipments of lead. Will give Greenough just allowance on robes. Has honored draft of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Will attend to order for French blankets. L.B.C. 13:234-236

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July 11 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 13:237

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July 11 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Madinac

Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Has forwarded English importations. L.B.C. 13:238

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July 11 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Details of drafts. Details of order held by Center & Son on Cleveland Bank. Re shipment of Lake Superior goods. Crooks advises that brig be loaded at Detroit rather than be sent to Buffalo. Re articles to be furnished to Mitchell. Annexes copy of account with Burnett, and statement of freight sent to Detroit. L.B.C. 13:239-241

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July 11 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Annexes invoice for goods shipped on Brewster's private account. L.B.C. 13:242

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- July 11 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Report of sale of lead is satisfactory. 1p. 8950
- July 12 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Account current has been received; will examine it. Are glad Van Winkle's drafts are finally settled. 1p. 8951
- July 13 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Purchase from Lasley not only foolish purchase that the Ewings have made; is gratified at Hottel's purchase; the Company will make a fortune. Thinks Lasley has contracted with Ewings for goods; gave Brewster draft. Requests all Saginaw orders collected to be shipped, as annuity payments are to be made in August. Description of method of mounting brass and copper kettles for Indian trade. Re cloth order. Surprised at Grover's draft on Crooks; will instruct Hollister to settle with Grover at once. McKay is in Detroit. Crooks may treat Ewing as he deserves. Biddle and Drew refused the Company's offer and will offer collection in Detroit. Shipment of seven hogsheads and four bales of furs to New York from Dayton. 3p. 8952
- July 13 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London  
Re drafts drawn on Liverpool. Exchange is very low. Opponents continue to pay exorbitant prices. L.B.O. 13:243 8953
- July 13 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re draft drawn. L.B.O. 13:244-245 8954
- July 13 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has received check for note collected. L.B.O. 13:246 8955
- July 13 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Has received drafts. Will deliver papers addressed to Astor. L.B.O. 13:247-248 8956
- July 13 -- New York -- To Orr N. Towne, Boston  
Requests settlement of account. L.B.O. 13:249 8957
- July 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.O. 13:250 8958
- July 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Comparet & Colerick, Fort Wayne  
Encloses account of sales of deer skins. L.B.O. 13:251 8959
- July 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Enclose packing account for furs and skins, shipped via Portsmouth and Ohio canal. Have forwarded goods to Prairie du Chien and St. Peters. Annex memoranda of goods desired at once. 1p. 8960

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- July 13 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Encloses bill of lading for deer skins. 1p. 8961
- July 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Details of accounts. Have drawn draft. 1p. 8962
- July 13 -- Liverpool -- From Widdes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of letter and draft. 1p. 8963
- July 14 -- New York -- From E. C. Boughten  
Asks for renewal of part of certain note. 1p. 8964
- July 14 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegae  
Details of arrangements for forwarding lead. 2p. 8965
- July 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re accounts. 1p. 8966
- July 14 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne  
Discusses time of payment of certain bill. Expects to be  
in New York soon. 1p. 8967
- July 15 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover  
Regrets necessity of Francis E. Phelps sending furs which  
Grover had not examined; Phelps had to change route of transpor-  
tation. Delayed from trip to Perrysburg by tardy closing of  
Dayton affairs. 2p. 8968
- July 15 -- Farmers Bank, Troy -- From P. Wells (Cashier)  
Encloses draft in payment of certain note. 1p. 8969
- July 15 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Prospects good for getting claims thru. Has no doubts about  
passage of [?] matter. 1p. 8970
- July 16 -- Syracuse -- From Moses D. Burnet  
Has shipped 1600 barrels of salt. 1p. 8971
- July 16 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses invoice for English goods. L.B.O. 13:252 8972
- July 16 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Accounts are correct. 1p. 8972a
- July 17 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
James has not arrived. Details of prices he offered Biddle;  
terms not accepted. Has received forty packs from Juneau and  
forty-five from Lawe. Advises Lawe be supplied with goods. Cer-  
tain items omitted in the order for goods. Details of Biddle  
and Drew's collection; asks for second quotation from Crooks. 2p.  
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July 17 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston

Re value of extra pack of robes. Annexes extract from Chouteau Company's letter about number of packs of robes shipped to Bates. L.B.O. 13:253 8974

July 17 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

All goods have been shipped. Encloses memoranda of measurement of packages. Re Company's scarcity of funds. Regrets that Brewster gave G. W. Ewing a letter to Crooks who cannot make any arrangements with Ewings. Re Crooks's proposal that Brewster and his friends take control of western business. L.B.O. 13:254-256 8975

July 17 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo

Has shipped remainder of goods for Lake Superior. Requests that supplies be sent to St. Marys by steamboat. Gives directions for Stanard. L.B.O. 13:257-258 8976

July 17 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie

Has requested Schermerhorn & March to send Crooks order for merchandise to be filled by house selected by Crooks. Calls attention to enclosed circular announcing retirement of Chouteau from the firm, which will continue in Mackenzie's name. Encloses a few of his cards to be distributed. 2p. 8977

July 17 -- Ste. Genevieve -- From Menard, Vallé & Co.

Accounts are correct. Ask about prospects for sale of furs and what change in price is anticipated. 1p. 8978

July 17 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.

Are pleased that the Company found accounts correct. Annex complete statement of furs and skins received and forwarded. 3p. 8979

July 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Discussion of skins purchased by Powells. Re drafts received from Powells. Re order for clay pipes. 1p. 8980

July 18 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Purchased Biddle's and Brew's skins; details collection and prices; first bid. 2p. 8981

July 18 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son

Re opinion about robes from New Orleans. 1p. 8982

July 18 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup

Asks Crooks to have Danish minister attest legality of document to be sent to father in Denmark. 1p. 8983

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July 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Bill of goods was correct. Dockstader & Tomlinson's note for account of A. H. Center & Son was paid after having been protested. Thinks Lapointe goods will be on time with arrangements made for transportation. Requests transcripts of invoices of Gooding's shipments to New York be sent, so that settlement can be made. Regrets that accounts asked for cannot be sent as mistakes are likely to occur in settlement with agents. Spafford is to be in charge of 1841 fur buying for the Southern Department (Lower Wabash); S. Spink is to have the region about Vincennes; gives details of terms. 2p. 8984

July 18 -- Washington -- From William A. Bradley

Has given note to Sanford. Details of plans for paying his note. 1p. 8985

July 18 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

The Company will confirm Chouteau's sale of robes to Boyd & Son. Details of expenses on robes. Re difficulties about shipments of lead. Has notified Bates & Son about extra pack of robes. Re discussion with Loubat about filling orders for blankets. L.B.C. 13:259-262 8986

July 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Details of Lampson's opinion of good market for raccoons and bears. Annexes memoranda of goods for Lapointe. L.B.C. 13:263 8987

July 18 -- New York -- To Boyd & Son

Encloses bill of lading for robes. Re bill for insurance and transportation charges. L.B.C. 13:264-265 8988

July 18 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo

Re directions to forward Lake Superior goods. Furs and skins have arrived. Details of loss of Lake Superior goods in 1839. L.B.C. 13:266 8989

July 18 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay

Is grateful for prompt attention in forwarding Western Outfit peltries. Robes should not be shipped west of Detroit. Re merchandise and supplies to be forwarded to Fort Winnebago. Gives method of transportation. L.B.C. 13:267-268 8990

July 18 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo

Re goods shipped. Details of directions that brig be returned to Detroit at once. Encloses bill of lading for consignment of goods for Green Bay. Annexes list of papers enclosed. L.B.C. 13:269-271 8991

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July 15 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegass

Goods for St. Louis will be forwarded. Will examine robes carefully and collect any damage from boatline. 1p. 8992

July 15 -- Albany -- From H. Niles & Co.

Have received robes and forwarded the same, along with other goods. 1p. 8993

July 15 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse

Has been pushing Faribault matter; bill and amendment passed in Senate. Thinks resolution for payment will be passed. 1p. 8994

July 15 -- Lapointe -- From Charles H. Oakes

Requests Crooks to arrange Oakes' accounts with the old Company to the best advantage. This debt was accumulated in trying to keep the opposition out of the country. All matters are arranged for Fond du Lac post for the coming year. Thinks Aitken is little to be feared. 1p. 8995

July 15 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Discussion about insurance desired on shipment of goods to Mexico. 1p. 8996

July 20 -- Boston -- From Boyd & Sons

Re error in bill of charges for robes recently received. Desire the Company to investigate freight bills. 2p. 8997

July 20 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup

Supplies have not arrived. Re success of opposition whose expectations are at highest pitch. Powder and knives are wanting in government supplies; order for extra supply of these. Desires Miss McLeod's order to be filled. 2p. 8998

July 20 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Will examine account current. Re drafts drawn. L.B.O. 13:272-273 8999

July 20 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London

The Company has been compelled to ship deer skins in order to make room for accumulating stock. Discussion of low market prices for beaver. Details demand for beaver of various kinds. Details activities of German opponents. Expects to ship good supply of bear skins. Will forward otters. L.B.O. 13:274-276 9000

July 20 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Discussion of terms of insurance on vessel and cargo. L.B.O. 13:277 9001

July 20 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Details manufacture of kettles which will be forwarded soon.

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Re order for gray cloth. Gives directions for transportation of Northern Outfit goods. Encloses copies of invoices. L.B.C. 13: 278-279 9002

July 20 -- New York -- To William Bradley, Washington  
Explains inability to extend Bradley's note. L.B.C. 13:280 9003

July 20 -- New York -- To H. Niles & Co., Albany  
Gives directions for delivery of certain peltries. L.B.C. 13: 281 9004

July 20 -- Buffalo -- Peter L. Parsons & Co. to William Brewster  
Requests instructions as to method of sending certain goods. Enclosed in no. 9030. lp. 9005

July 20 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose draft to be collected. lp. 9006

July 21 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Requests that none of Grover's drafts be accepted. lp. 9007

July 21 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Encloses duplicate invoice of blankets. Will protect drafts. Re certain shipments of robes. Annexes extract of letter from Bates & Son. Discussion of negotiations with Ewings in 1839. L.B.C. 13:282-284 9008

July 21 -- New York -- To Moses D. Burnet, Syracuse  
Has received statement of account for 1600 barrels of salt. Has accepted drafts. L.B.C. 13:285 9009

July 21 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. L.B.C. 13:286 9010

July 21 -- Washington -- From Edward Curtis  
Just before the House finally adjourned, Commissioner on Indian Affairs was discharged from consideration of Winnebago treaty. lp. 9011

July 21 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
The Island matter failed. Resolution authorizing payments passed. lp. 9012

July 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Hope blankets will arrive soon. Re accounts. Mackinac boats have arrived, making receipts of robes about 46,000. Re drafts drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 9013

July 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Are grateful for information about insurance. lp. 9014



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- July 22 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Goods have arrived; details of mistakes. Twine is too expensive, considering poor fish market. Crooks will have good lot of furs from Department. Wrote Livingston for lime. Can get lien on Lawe's property. Will send James to St. Mary's. Crooks should write Robinson about his debt. Will try to collect money advanced to Johnson and Hamlin. lp. 9015
- July 22 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Goods to be sent by brig but very quickly. Enclosed in no. 9030. lp. 9016
- July 22 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Will await reply from Chouteaus before making final settlement with Boyd & Sons. Part of lead has arrived. L.B.O. 13:287 9017
- July 22 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Advisees paying extra freight to prevent delay in forwarding peltries. Re freight bills. L.B.O. 13:288-289 9018
- July 22 -- New York -- To Boyd & Sons  
Has credited check on account. Re error in freight bill. Desires explanation. L.B.O. 13:290-291 9019
- July 22 -- New York -- To James McKay  
Re account. L.B.O. 13:292 9020
- July 22 -- College Point -- From John Spotswood Garland  
Has permission to go to New York. Needs new suit. lp. 9021
- July 22 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dougman  
Receipt of goods, damaged in part by sinking of a lighter. Fur packing account sent. lp. 9022
- July 22 -- Albany -- From H. Niles & Co.  
Re arrangement made with agent of Swiftsure Line about transporting furs and skins on one towboat. Have just received lot of furs; list of these. 2p. 9023
- July 22 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 9024
- July 23 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Re sale of lead. Will give attention to order. L.B.O. 13:293 9025
- July 23 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Requests notice of all shipments. Will send invoices of goods for Lake Superior. L.B.O. 13:294 9026

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July 23 -- New York -- From George W. Ewing

Re discussion with Brewster of misunderstanding between the Company and Ewings in 1839. Ewings deeply regret that they could not accede to the Company's agreement, because they were not recognized as equals of other contracting party. Re past record of Ewings in business. Ewing is enemy to monopolies. Violent and destructive competition has taken place. The Company's agents have boasted that they were sent to Indiana to drive the Ewings out of business at any cost. Regrets that some honorable arrangement cannot be made, but desires no favors. 10p. 9027

July 23 -- Havre -- From Larue & Palmer

Enclose bill of lading for wine shipped for Loisson. Encloses copy of Havre Price-Current and Review of Havre Market, July 23, 1840. 1p. 9028

July 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Instructions for insuring certain vessel. Details capacity of vessel, etc. 1p. 9029

July 24 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Grover's drafts to be protested; Hollister now with him. Regrets Crooks find it difficult to meet demands and that exchange on Europe is low. Advises Crooks to relieve strain by urging the Company to employ some person in Whetten's former position. If Crooks leaves the Company, Brewster will also approve of Crooks's decision in the Ewing case. Will settle account with Compere the last of the month; latter's skins will soon be shipped. Encloses nos. 9005, and 9016. 1p. 9030

July 24 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Discussion of offer to make to Biddle & Drew for skins. Has decided to allow Lave a moderate order of supplies. Regrets Juneau's delay. Annexes memoranda of goods supplied. L.B.C. 13: 295-297 9031

July 24 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo

Re accounts. Details of directions about transportation to Detroit. Encloses papers for agent at Lapointe. L.B.C. 13:296 9032

July 24 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Re directions given to Parsons & Co. to transport Northern Outfit goods to Detroit. Re drafts. Will ship Saginaw goods soon. L.B.C. 13:299 9033

July 24 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Has obtained insurance as directed. Will forward policies. Re accounts. L.B.C. 13:300 9034

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- July 24 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
The Company approves of Borup's management of business which has been superior to previous regime. Encloses duplicate letter to agent of the Hudson's Bay Company at Lac La Pluie. Annexes memoranda of documents enclosed. L.B.C. 13:301-302 9035
- July 24 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesagaez, New Orleans  
Details of lead received and lead soon expected. L.B.C. 13:303 9036
- July 24 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Statement of amounts paid to Cutler. Drafts authorized by the Company have been honored. 1p. 9037
- July 25 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of drafts. Has not received account of sales. Re shipment of skins prepared. L.B.C. 13:305 9038
- July 25 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Details of accounts. Is pleased with attention to orders. Has taken note of drafts. Re error in account. [p. 307 nearly all faded out.] L.B.C. 13:306-307 9039
- July 25 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses copy of letter from Grover. Re Grover's drafts. All relations with Grover should be severed at once. The Company will not pay Grover's drafts unless Brewster so recommends. L.B.C. 13:308-309 9040
- July 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Is grateful for information in Lampson's letter. Desires account sales of beaver. Re drafts drawn on Liverpool. L.B.C. 13:310 9041
- July 25 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Re goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 13:311 9042
- July 25 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses insurance policies on certain vessel. L.B.C. 13:312 9043
- July 25 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Regrets that appropriation for Farribault's island has been rejected by the House. Hopes to have remittance on Winnebago claims soon. L.B.C. 13:317 9044
- July 25 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Discussion of transportation rates via Portsmouth route.

Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Details of deficit in filling order for French blankets. Re agreement with Loubat to furnish blankets for 1841. L.B.O. 13:318-319 9045

July 25 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh  
Annexes copy of letter to Brewster about the case of Grover. L.B.O. 13:320 9046

July 25 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Encloses bill for rifles. Proposes changes in type of rifles bought by the Company. Smooth rifle is superceding shot gun. lp. 9047

July 25 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Was able to get funds for payment on New York. lp. 9048

July 25 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Detailed discussion of shipping facilities to Lake Superior, of difficulties in securing steamboats at fair rates, of slowness of brigs, etc. Re goods shipped on the "Crooks". Details of efforts to locate missing goods shipped to Brewster. 5p. 9049

July 25 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. lp. 9050

July 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Arrangements about insurance very satisfactory. Re drafts. lp. 9051

July 26 -- Lapointe -- From Frederick Baraga  
Promises to pay all debts and begs Crooks not to refuse to buy bell. lp. 9052

July 26 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Hopes Biddle & Drew are satisfied with sale of skins to Abbott. Expects to be able to sell muskrats when the trade revives. Re lack of market for otters. Details present prices offered for rats. Re disposition to be made of goods unsaleable at Mackinac. L.B.O. 13:313-314 9053

July 26 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
The Company will not accept any of Grover's drafts. Wishes to be rid of Grover at earliest day possible. Is pleased that Spafford's management of business has been satisfactory to Brewster. Re New York funds desired for certain draft. Encloses copy of letter to Hollister. Re filling of order for McDonald. Has shipped goods for upper Wisconsin region. L.B.O. 13:315-316 9054

July 27 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re enclosed drafts to be accepted. Re funds to be paid to Ronaud. L.B.O. 13:321 9055

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- July 27 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegaes, New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for merchandise to be forwarded to  
St. Louis. L.B.O. 13:322 9056
- July 27 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Details of accounts. L.B.O. 13:323 9057
- July 27 -- New Orleans -- From O. H. Miesegaes  
Encloses bill of lading for lead and robes. lp. 9058
- July 27 -- Franklin, Connecticut -- From James W. Kingsbury  
Details of shipping carriage and harness to be forwarded to  
St. Louis. lp. 9059
- July 27 -- Buffalo -- From Peter E. Parsons & Co.  
Have arranged with steamboat captain to tow the "Crooks"  
from the mouth of the Detroit river, if necessary. Have drawn  
draft on the Company. lp. 9060
- July 27 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Ghouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Details of draft and check. Re shipment of robes. Have no  
news of the "Antelope". lp. 9061
- July 27 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Discussion of freight bills paid. Discusses instructions  
from Clapp about paying charges. lp. 9062
- July 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Directions about enclosed drafts. lp. 9063
- July 28 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Requests that Powell's drafts be returned. Details of  
drafts received. L.B.O. 13:324 9064
- July 28 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegaes, New Orleans  
Encloses duplicate bill of lading. L.B.O. 13:325 9065
- July 28 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Re rate of payment for furs and receipt of spring supplies  
and certain financial accounts connected with the outfit. Prices  
of fish are low. 2p. 9066
- July 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Sends \$15,500 as partial payment of claims. lp. 9067
- July 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of Peter Powell's drafts. Will pay Ronaud as directed.  
Very little demand for foreign exchange. lp. 9068

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- July 29 -- New York -- To H. Niles & Co., Albany  
Details of goods shipped. Desires weight and measurement  
of certain parcels. L.B.C. 13:326 9069
- July 29 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Has received rifles. Encloses check in payment. L.B.C. 13:  
327 9070
- July 29 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Details of Powell's drafts. Prices paid by Powells for  
robes are much too high. Has arranged for payment to be made to  
Renaud. L.B.C. 13:328-329 9071
- July 29 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Has received Powell's drafts. L.B.C. 13:330 9072
- July 29 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Philadelphia  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 13:331 9073
- July 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Sends \$66,500 as partial payment; will send more from Wash-  
ington. lp. 9074
- July 29 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Re furs forwarded to the Company. lp. 9075
- July 29 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re error in account. Approve of the Company's proposition  
to Bates & Son for settlement. Are pleased with favorable ac-  
counts from London. Have shipped skins and robes. The "Antel-  
ope" has arrived from Yellowstone with 900 packs; passage down  
required 30 days. Wish English goods without delay. Hope satis-  
factory arrangement can be made with Loubat. lp. 9076
- July 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of drafts. lp. 9077
- July 30 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Liverpool  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 13:332 9078
- July 30 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis  
Details of account of sales of lead. Re sale of last ship-  
ment of lead. L.B.C. 13:333-334 9079
- July 30 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Re receipt of checks for Winnebago claims. L.B.C. 13:335  
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July 30 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Re draft received. Will forward Comparet's account of sales. Lake Superior goods were sent from Buffalo on the brig. L.B.C. 13:336 9081

July 30 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo

Approves of method of shipment of Lake Superior goods. Details of goods to be forwarded to Brewster. Desires to be advised of all shipments of furs and skins. L.B.C. 13:337-338 9082

July 30 -- Buffalo -- From Sears & Satar

Have shipped to the Company, furs and deer skins forwarded by H. D. Grover of Ohio. lp. 9083

July 30 -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell

Re packing accounts and efforts to find the lost pack. lp. 9084

July 30 -- Albany -- From H. Niles & Co.

Have followed Crooks's directions about certain packages. lp. 9085

July 31 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Has received 102 packs from the Western Outfit. Order of brogans. Satisfied with English goods. James is at St. Marys. Will get security from Lawe for the debt. Lasley displeased with the Ewings. lp. 9086

July 31 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Has received goods ordered. lp. 9087

July 31 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Samuel Abbott bought Biddle & Drew's skins. Re shipment of goods by brig from Buffalo; \$1000 demanded for steamboat to go to the Sault; thinks goods will reach Lapointe on time. McKay went up in the brig; also Rev. Boutwell. William Aitken complains of his extreme poverty and that Dousman will give him no money; latter advises that he sell his lands. Grover will never again be employed with Brewster's consent. Has shipped 35 packs. All the salt ordered from Burnet has arrived. Requests letter books for Borup. W. G. Ewing called on way to New York; asked Brewster to go to New York to help in making agreement. 3p. 9088

July 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Details of drafts drawn. L.B.C. 13:339 9089

July 31 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London

Annexes bill of lading for otters shipped. Quality of otters is inferior. Advises that otters be sold regardless of price. Details of peltries ready to ship. L.B.C. 13:340 9090

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July 31 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit

Encloses account of sales of Comparet's furs and skins. Details of number of various peltries. Saginaw order has been filled. G. W. Ewing has arrived in New York; has written Crooks two letters. L.B.O. 13:341 9091

July 31 -- New York -- From George W. Ewing

Has not received any reply to his communication concerning former misunderstanding. Neither party need doubt importance of coming to some arrangement by which this injurious competition may be obviated. Brewster is aware that skins bought by Detroit Department cost too much. Regrets that so much money should be wasted over and above proper prices. Desires to see Crooks to discuss some plan of action for the future. (Detroit Department Papers). 2p. 9092

July 31 -- Detroit -- From Gabriel Franchere

Re Franchere's report of Company's operations in the country of lower Wabash during winter of 1839-40. Re market for fish. (Detroit Department Papers). 1p. 9093

July 31 -- New York -- To George W. Ewing

Has reflected on course of action followed by the Ewings since July 1839, especially efforts to legislate the Company out of Indiana, and sees no hope of ever making mutual agreement. Ewings' position is of their own choosing and the Company has not slightest inclination to change existing relations. (Detroit Department Papers). 1p. 9094

July 31 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.

Re furs forwarded. Goods and letter for Mitchell at Green Bay have been sent to Abbott to be forwarded. 1p. 9095

July 31 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Have received invoice of blankets which are much needed. Will forward robes soon. Re additional order for goods. 1p. 9096

July 31 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Enclose duplicate of July 24. 1p. 9097

Aug. 1 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London

Encloses invoices for furs and skins. Advises early sales. Consignment of raccoons is large. The Company has obtained Stone's collection. Re quantity of raccoons on hand. Annexes list of shipments. L.B.O. 13:342-344 9098

Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re drafts drawn. Details of skins and furs forwarded to Lampson. Re account current. L.B.O. 13:345-346 9099

Aug. 1 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London

Re duplicate letters and documents enclosed. Encloses invoice for shipment of otters. L.B.O. 13:347 9100



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- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Discussion of order for French blankets which may be transferred to Henry & Co. Annexes copy of order sent to Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. L.B.C. 13:348-349 9101
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses check for balance due Menard & Valle. L.B.C. 13:350 9102
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Details of accounts. Shipment of robes has arrived. Re sale of lead. Re Ronald's report of freight paid on Boyd & Sons' robes. L.B.C. 13:351-352 9103
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses invoice for goods for Saginaw. Details of commission charges. Re attention given to filling order. Directions in orders should be explicit. L.B.C. 13:353-354 9104
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Discussion of exorbitant transportation rates via the Ohio Canal. Re shipment of goods to be forwarded to Brewster. L.B.C. 13:355 9105
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To Menard, Vallé & Co., Ste. Genevieve  
Details of accounts. Re depression of domestic trade. Discussion of condition of European markets. Re sales to be held in London. L.B.C. 13:356 9106
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh, Ohio  
Re documents needed to collect insurance for damaged skins. Re packing accounts received. Details of directions for marking parcels. All business should be done according to regular method. Has refused to accept Grover's drafts. Discussion of Grover's actions. Annexes list of peltries received. Encloses letter to Grover. L.B.C. 13:358-359 9107
- Aug. 1 -- New York -- To N. D. Grover, Perrysburgh  
Details of peltries received from Dayton region. Discussion of Grover's drafts not accepted by the Company. L.B.C. 13:360 9108
- Aug. 1 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Re expulsion and return of Berthkeht to Indian country. Requests valuation of furs sent previous fall. lp. 9109
- Aug. 1 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Sends \$3500. lp. 9110
- Aug. 3 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Has received checks for Winnebago claims. L.B.C. 13:361 9111

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- Aug. 3 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses abstract of account. Re account current with  
Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 13:362 9112
- Aug. 3 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Hourse  
Sends \$4000. lp. 9113
- Aug. 3 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have credited draft to Menard, Valle & Co. as directed. lp.  
9114
- Aug. 4 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Expects new transportation line to be successful. Desires  
exact statement of rates of transportation via Ohio Canal to  
New York. L.B.C. 13:363 9115
- Aug. 4 -- Lachine -- From James Keith  
Quotes from letter from council of Northern Department in  
which they offer no objection to the American Fur Company estab-  
lishing post near Vermillion for the purpose of opposing Aitken.  
lp. 9116
- Aug. 4 -- New York -- Everett & Thomas to the Company  
Desire information about certain draft. lp. 9117
- Aug. 4 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Will make arrangements with Blair & Co. about storage  
charges at Cleveland and Portsmouth. Are organizing an indepen-  
dent line in opposition to steamboat combination and hope to  
control prices thereby. Details of suspicions of fur consign-  
ments being diverted by steamboat association. Have drawn draft  
for amount of charges on furs and skins. 2p. 9118
- Aug. 4 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co. (per Wm. Smith)  
Details of payment of drafts. Abbott has requested advance  
of \$80 to certain person. 2p. 9119
- Aug. 5 -- Prairie du Chien. -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Statement of loss of goods. Division of sums under Winne-  
bago treaty. Objections to Sibley's leaving at this time.  
Dubay is at Wisconsin portage in search of furs. 2p. 9120
- Aug. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to George W. Ewing, New  
York  
Encloses copy of proceedings of meeting of the Company  
directors. L.B.C. 13:364 9121
- Aug. 5 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh  
Has given statement about damaged furs and skins to the  
insurance company. Re missing draft. L.B.C. 13:365 9122

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- Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Articles wanted for certain firm have been ordered. Has  
given attention to Mackenzie's circular. L.B.O. 13:366 9123
- Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account of sales of beaver. Details of accounts.  
L.B.O. 13:367-368 9124
- Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Has received checks for sums due by the United States. L.B.O.  
13:369 9125
- Aug. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses copy of proceedings of Directors' meeting. L.B.O.  
13:370 9126
- Aug. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster, De-  
troit  
Encloses copy of proceedings of Directors' meeting. L.B.O.  
13:371 9127
- Aug. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia.  
Re drafts received. Details of accounts. Requests remittance for draft enclosed. L.B.O. 13:372 9128
- Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co.  
Encloses drafts to be collected. Details of Ermatinger's  
draft. Annexes list of papers enclosed. L.B.O. 13:373-374 9129
- Aug. 5 -- Washington -- from Charles J. Nourse  
Must wait several days to get payment on New York. Secretary  
of Treasury wanted to give Doty draft for \$2000 on Wisconsin. lp  
9130
- Aug. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re error in account. Hope lead will advance in eastern markets. Re robes and furs forwarded. W. P. Hunt requests that certain bills be paid and charged to Chouteaus. Re order for pigeon egg heads. 2p. 9131
- Aug. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. lp. 9132
- Aug. 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Instructions about enclosed drafts. lp. 9133
- Aug. 6 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts and accounts. L.B.O. 13:375-376 9134

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Aug. 6 -- New York -- From George W. Ewing

Has received copy of proceedings of Directors of the Company. Is content with their conclusion. Ewings have desired honorable compromise, but can make more money without any connection with the Company than with it. Will not give the Company agents at Detroit and Mackinac any disquiet on the subject of arrangements. (Detroit Department Papers). lp. 9135

Aug. 6 -- New York -- George W. Ewing to William Brewster

Communication received from the secretary of the Company cuts short matter of trade agreement. Every man for himself now. Ewings can make more money alone than by uniting with the Company. Has no further pretensions toward compromise with Company. (Detroit Department Papers). lp. 9136

Aug. 6 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Payment of Livingston's draft. lp. 9137

Aug. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re drafts drawn. Has received missing sales account from London. L.B.C. 13:377 9138

Aug. 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Account of sales of beaver is correct. Details of skins missing in certain shipment. Will forward deer skins. Expects collection of Rocky Mountain beaver to be one-half less than in 1839. L.B.C. 13:378-379 9139

Aug. 7 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington

Wishes to have Winnebago affairs completed as soon as practicable. Re Doty's address. Will be pleased to have Bell's report. L.B.C. 13:380 9140

Aug. 7 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo

Hopes transportation rates on Ohio Canal can be reduced. Re shipments of merchandise for Mitchell and Abbott. L.B.C. 13:381 9141

Aug. 7 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay

Has shipped goods to be forwarded to Prairie du Chien. L.B.C. 13:382 9142

Aug. 7 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover

Wishes to know the cause of non-acceptance of draft. Settled accounts with the Company at Perrysburg. Details of state elections. 2p. 9143

Aug. 7 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Discussion of accounts. lp. 9144

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Aug. 5 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Will know nothing of Hollister's settlement with Grover until former comes to Detroit next week. Is grateful to Crooks for sending account with Comparet. Is pleased with the hurrying of the Saginaw order. Last shipment of furs from Detroit has been made. Suggests that if terms are made with Ewings, they be given stock but have no voice in management of the Company or of trade in any part of the country. Requests sheeting for Northern Outfit. 1p.

9145

Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Boyd & Sons

Re error in freight bill. Requests remittance of balance due on robes. L.B.C. 13:383

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Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Has received packing account for robes, and order for English goods. Is gratified that steamboat "Antelope" is safe. L.B.C. 13:384

9147

Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal

Has credited payments on account. Do not expect prices of robes to be different from 1839. L.B.C. 13:385

9148

Aug. 5 -- New York -- To James Keith, Lachine

Is grateful for liberal and friendly course of "Council of the Northern Department". The Company appreciates frank liberality of the Hudson's Bay Company. Will adhere strictly to agreement. Re purpose of post at Vermillion. Has received draft for payment of 1840 from Hudson's Bay Company. L.B.C. 13:386-387

9149

Aug. 5 -- New York -- To John A. Merle, New Orleans

Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 13:388

9150

Aug. 5 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac

Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Requests that goods for the Western Outfit be forwarded promptly. Is pleased that Abbott's skins are good quality. Discussion of prices for lines and twines. Will pay draft to order of Biddle & Drew. G. W. Ewing is purchasing large quantity of goods. Re Ewing's purchases for others. Abbott should have no intercourse with Ewings or their agents. Approves Abbott's plan to visit Green Bay. L.B.C. 13:389-390

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Aug. 5 -- Troy -- From David Ellis

Encloses draft in payment of account. Is grateful to Crooks for extending his account. 1p.

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Aug. 5 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for robes and furs. 1p.

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Aug. 8 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Re furs forwarded. Freight rates are low. Expect large shipment of furs. lp. 9154

Aug. 8 -- New York -- From Hugh Munro

Error in filling order for mustard. Cannot furnish teas of former qualities at prices quoted. Fifty-eight cent variety now advanced to 62 1/2 cents. lp. 9155

Aug. 8 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Hourse.

Sends \$3000. Fortunate to get whole of funds as Treasury is in difficulties. Stambaugh has given him share of island he got from Fairbault. lp. 9156

Aug. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Details of accounts. Approve that Company try Loubat again with contract for blankets. Re invoices for blankets. lp. 9157

Aug. 8 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.

Re drafts. lp. 9158

Aug. 8 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Bonaud

Has forwarded goods. Freight rates are very high. lp. 9159

Aug. 8 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Re Bromley's note. lp. 9160

Aug. 9 -- Columbus -- From Sherwood, Miller & Co.

Instructions about postponing payment on lost draft. lp. 9161

Aug. 9 -- Columbus -- From Sherwood, Miller & Co.

Have received information about lost draft. lp. 9162

Aug. 10 -- Washington -- From William A. Bradley

Has paid note to Chouteau. Details interest on note. lp. 9163

Aug. 10 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London

Has received marked catalog of deer skin sale, which was better than the Company expected. Is pleased that Lampson has good opinion of general prospects for fur sales. Thinks Hette has more chance for loss than profit. Encloses invoice for shipment of deer skins. Encloses Hudson's Bay Company's draft. L.B.C. 13:391-392 9164

Aug. 10 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re letters received, and value of deer skins shipped to Lampson. L.B.C. 13:393 9165

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- Aug. 10 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Has received duplicate invoice. L.B.O. 13:394 9166
- Aug. 10 -- New York -- To Charles J. Mourse, Washington  
The Company is indebted to Mourse for his exertions for  
payment of Winnebago claims. L.B.O. 13:395 9167
- Aug. 10 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Has received check on Bromley's account. Encloses document  
from Lake Superior to be attested by Danish minister. L.B.O.  
13:396-397 9168
- Aug. 10 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte  
Has received payment for lead. Details of accounts. An-  
nexes statement sent to Small, Williams & Co. L.B.O. 13:398-400  
9169
- Aug. 10 -- New York -- To David Ellis, Troy  
Has received check in payment of note. L.B.O. 13:401 9170
- Aug. 10 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Have had no reply from Blair & Co. about rates. Have for-  
warded goods on schooner as Brewster ordered. Re furs forwarded.  
2p. 9171
- Aug. 11 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Details of changes in order for Lawe. 1p. 9172
- Aug. 11 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Inconvenience caused by non-arrival of goods. Furs have  
been sent. Arrangements made by Oakes at Sandy Lake for getting  
goods. Agreement for fish with Grand Portage Indians. Fishing  
would pay well if fish would sell. Arrival of goods for Indian  
payments. Account of Chippewa and Sioux fight. Re getting cer-  
tain goods to compete with rivals. Mendenhall interested in  
mining. Everything depends on arrival of goods. 6p. 9173
- Aug. 11 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses letter for Hunt from Hudson's Bay Company's agent  
at Lachine. Circumstances related in Keith's letter may be  
"Indian news". Requests that matter be investigated closely.  
L.B.O. 13:402 9174
- Aug. 11 -- New York -- To James Keith, Lachine  
Has forwarded letter for Hunt to St. Louis. Aitken is not  
a reliable authority. Sibley's letter of July 7 made no mention  
of the affair reported by Aitken. L.B.O. 13:403 9175
- Aug. 11 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Packing account of furs annexed. Arrival of the "Crooks"  
with supplies. 1p. 9176

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- Aug. 11 -- Washington -- From Charles J. Nourse  
Statement of remittances to the Company amounting to about  
\$93,000. 3p. 9177
- Aug. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. Request copy of account of sales. 1p. 9178
- Aug. 11 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re document certified by Danish charge d'affaires. 1p. 9179
- Aug. 11 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Keith paid drafts sent by Crooks. Will try to collect cer-  
tain other draft. 1p, 9180
- Aug. 12 -- New York -- To James Keith, Lachine  
Letter from Chouteau does not mention occurrence connected  
with Thomas Simpson. Thinks Aitken's report must be exaggerated.  
L.B.C. 13:404 9181
- Aug. 12 -- New York -- To Neils Borup, Copenhagen  
Encloses document from C. W. Borup. L.B.C. 13:405 9182
- Aug. 12 -- New York -- To Toussaint Santelli, Mackinac  
Has been advised of payment of bill of exchange sent to D.M.  
Santelli. L.B.C. 13:406 9183
- Aug. 12 -- New York -- To William Bradley, Washington  
Re accounts. L.B.C. 13:408 9184
- Aug. 12 -- New York -- To John A. Merle, New Orleans  
Encloses duplicate bill of lading. Is gratified to renew  
correspondence with Merle. L.B.C. 13:409 9185
- Aug. 12 -- New York -- To Tardieu & Loubat, Havre  
Is grateful for attention to bill of exchange. L.B.C. 13:  
410 9186
- Aug. 12 -- New York -- To George Simpson, Hudson's Bay House,  
London  
Discussion of report of Thomas Simpson's death in western  
country. Re efforts being made to investigate the whole matter.  
[Letter is very dim.] L.B.C. 13:411-413 9187
- Aug. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have made final settlement with Bromley. Statement is an-  
nexed. 1p. 9188
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Has received checks in payment of claims. L.B.C. 13:407  
9189
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Encloses duplicate letter. Will ship deer skins to Lampson.  
L.B.C. 13:414 9190



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- Aug. 13 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has received document to be forwarded to Denmark. Check for balance of Bromley's account is correct. L.B.C. 13:415 9191
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield  
Encloses order for goods to be shipped with goods from Henry & Co. L.B.C. 13:416 9192
- Aug. 13 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
List cloth and sample blankets have not yet arrived. All goods have been satisfactory so far. Discussion of prospects of order for French blankets not being filled. Trade in region toward the Rocky Mountains can only be carried on when rivers are navigable. Details of order from Outler to be shipped with Henry & Co.'s goods. L.B.C. 13:417-418 9193
- Aug. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie  
Letters with certificate received. Asks that Crooks subscribe for him to certain magazines. 1p. 9194
- Aug. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Are gratified at the Company's success in selling lead at good price. Details of drafts remitted. 2p. 9195
- Aug. 13 -- Albany -- From H. Niles & Co.  
Have received five casks of powder by towboat. 1p. 9196
- Aug. 13 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of letters and drafts. 1p. 9197
- Aug. 14 -- [New York] -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Has ordered cloth and blankets from Henry & Co., and hardware from Outler. L.B.C. 13:419 9198
- Aug. 14 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Expects to receive entire collection of returns earlier than usual. Does not see any improvement in business. Has no inquiry at all for otters, beaver, muskrats or deer skins. Has to forward deer skins due to lack of storage space. L.B.C. 13:420 9199
- Aug. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Re quantity of beads on hand and beads expected soon. Will endeavor to supply the Company with beads desired. 1p. 9200
- Aug. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re robes shipped. Have no more good robes, but large quantity of summer and inferior ones. Summer robes are being used for overcoats; suggest that they be introduced by the Company. 1p. 9201

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Aug. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Have received abstracts of accounts for June and July. Enclose letter to be forwarded to Thomas Palmer. Re drafts drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 9202

Aug. 15 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Has settled accounts of 1839 business with Comparet for Comparet & Colerick; he is pleased with the Company. Has settled with Gooding and Hollister. Wishes Crooks to come to Detroit latter part of the month to talk with the agents concerning the buying of 1841. Men should be in Wabash country by September 1. Settlement with Hollister is not complete, as Millman had not come in. Shipment of furs and two kegs of castorum from the Northern Outfit. 3p. 9203

Aug. 15 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia

Accepts proposal to supply beads. Re importance of having certain kind of beads. Annexes order for beads. L.B.O. 13:421 9204

Aug. 15 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Details of accounts with Bradley. Will protect drafts. L.B.O. 13:422 9205

Aug. 15 -- New York -- To Sherwood, Miller & Co., Columbus

Details of certain drafts. L.B.O. 13:423 9206

Aug. 15 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Encloses copy of order for French blankets and plan to secure prompt delivery. Re arrangement with Henry & Co. to fill order if declined by French manufacturers. Has ordered English goods. Northwest guns of pattern of 1839 have been ordered. Fears supply of robes will greatly exceed demand. Wishes advice about prices for robes. Has directed beads to be shipped via Pittsburgh. Encloses sales accounts for lead. Details of condition of lead market. Encloses invoice for shipment of clay pipes. Encloses copy of proceedings of Board of Directors which shows that all intercourse between the Company and the Ewings concerning trade is ended. L.B.O. 13:424-427 9207

Aug. 15 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia

Encloses samples of beads wanted. L.B.O. 13:428 9208

Aug. 15 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo

Is pleased that Brewster's letter book has been forwarded. Is grateful for information about charges on the Ohio Canal. Desires definite statement of rates. Has forwarded goods for St. Marys. L.B.O. 13:429 9209

Aug. 16 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott

Returned from Green Bay, August 15. Re security received from Lawe for debt. Order of blankets, cloth and traps. 1p. 9210

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- Aug. 16 -- Chicago -- G. S. Hubbard to Samuel Abbott  
Plans to engage in selling of fish in region of the Illinois River. Would like to make agreement with the Company to supply him and partner with fish, but no one else for that section and south. Enclosed in no. 9316. lp. 9211
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- To Joel R. Poinsett, Washington  
Details of previous report made to Poinsett about Berthkeht's actions. Discussion of Berthkeht's return to the Indian country. L.B.C. 13:430 9212
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Details of filling of order. Prices allowed by Livingston for furs and skins are satisfactory. Holiday must find means of his own for his future wants. Details of drafts. Has advised the War Department about Berthkeht. Regrets that late arrival of goods reduced sales. L.B.C. 13:431 9213
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- To Frederick Baraga, Lapointe  
Annexes invoice for goods shipped. Has forwarded bell for Baraga's new church. Re difficulty in selling wine. L.B.C. 13:432 9214
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Has forwarded document to Borup's father, as directed. Has forwarded articles wanted by Miss McLeod. Details of certain books not available to fill order. L.B.C. 13:433-434 9215
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of directions about drafts. L.B.C. 13:435 9216
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Has filled entire order. Details of substitution of certain articles in order. Encloses invoices. Has forwarded Corbin's goods. Has forwarded bell for Baraga's church. L.B.C. 13:436 9217
- Aug. 17 -- New York -- To Alexis Corbin, Upper Wisconsin River  
Regrets DuBay's interference in trade. Re directions to Brewster to forward supplies to Corbin. Encloses invoice for goods shipped. L.B.C. 13:437 9218
- Aug. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Re efforts to fill order for beads. lp. 9219
- Aug. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Enclose invoice of goods and receipt from transportation line. lp. 9220
- Aug. 17 -- Fort Wayne -- From Scott, Iten & Co.  
Statement of furs and peltries shipped to the Company. 2p. 9221

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- Aug. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From A. H. Jandon  
Inquires about payment of certain bill. [Note in pencil] --  
Siter, Price & Co. paid Jandon on Aug. 18. 1p. 9222
- Aug. 17 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Are pleased to hear of arrival of Great Western. Paid  
Borup's draft. 1p. 9223
- Aug. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Requests Crooks bring last year's sales account with him.  
G. W. Ewing says he understands negotiations with the Company  
are at end. The "Crooks" is on fifth trip of the season. 1p  
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- Aug. 18 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Has received contract blankets. Re accounts. L.B.C. 13:  
438 9225
- Aug. 18 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Re letters and catalogs received from Lampson. The Company  
leaves disposal of goods entirely to Lampson's judgment. Advises  
sale of as large quantity as possible. Discussion of poor qual-  
ity of raccoons. Otters and muskrats cannot be sold in domestic  
market. Has received payment for deer skins damaged by rats on  
shipboard. L.B.C. 13:439-441 9226
- Aug. 18 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of letters and papers received. Re drafts drawn.  
L.B.C. 13:442-444 9227
- Aug. 18 -- New York -- To George Simpson, Hudson's Bay House,  
London  
Has received no confirmation of report about Simpson's  
nephew. L.B.C. 13:445 9228
- Aug. 18 -- New York -- To O. H. Miesegaes, New Orleans  
Has received Lead and robes. L.B.C. 13:446 9229
- Aug. 18 -- New York -- To Vallee, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 13:447 9230
- Aug. 18 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Wishes to know exact quantity of robes received from St.  
Louis. L.B.C. 13:448 9231
- Aug. 18 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay  
Discussion of packing accounts for furs and skins. Astor  
is too poor to supply church bell for Green Bay. L.B.C. 13:449  
9232
- Aug. 18 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Discussion of conditional order for blankets sent to French

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- manufacturer, Prices of blankets remain steady. Annex statement of account. lp. 9233
- Aug. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 9234
- Aug. 16 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion of drafts and rates of exchange. lp. 9235
- Aug. 19 -- New Orleans -- From J. A. Brand & Landry  
Enclose bill of lading for lead shipped on account of J. Pratte & Son of Missouri. lp. 9236
- Aug. 19 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of drafts. Will settle account when due. L.B.C. 13:450 9237
- Aug. 19 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has received invoice for beads. Re error in marking boxes for St. Louis. L.B.C. 13:451 9238
- Aug. 19 -- New York -- To Samuel Jandon, Philadelphia  
Re payment to Jandon by Siter, Price & Co. L.B.C. 13:453 9239
- Aug. 19 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Re furs forwarded. Goods for Green Bay have been sent to Mackinac. Blair & Co. will furnish new shipping rates soon. 2p. 9240
- Aug. 20 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Have placed robes in storage. lp. 9241
- Aug. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Details of differences in accounts with Small, Williams & Co. lp. 9242
- Aug. 20 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have received remainder of blankets. Re drafts drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Will ship beaver and other furs. Private letter from Crooks enclosing communication from Keith of the Hudson's Bay Company will be given thorough attention. lp. 9243
- Aug. 20 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Will advise Henry & Co. about order for blankets, in case it is not executed in France. Re draft drawn by them for goods shipped. lp. 9244

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- Aug. 21 -- Lapointe -- From Frederick Baraga  
Asks Crooks to get sum of money. Requests his wines be  
sold. lp. 9245
- Aug. 21 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Discussion of funds spent by Grover in Dayton operations.  
Crooks cannot be present at Brewster's proposed meeting. L.B.O.  
13:454 9246
- Aug. 21 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for robes and furs. Packet lines  
are endeavoring to raise freight rates. lp. 9247
- Aug. 22 -- Galena -- From John Dowling  
Re part of order of tin plate not delivered. Sent copy of  
invoice to Dousman. lp. 9248
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia -  
Re draft collected. L.B.O. 13:455 9249
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses copy of missing account of sales. Hopes to send  
entire statement for 1839 soon. L.B.O. 13:456 9250
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis  
Re contents of previous letter. L.B.O. 13:457 9251
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Details of filling of order. Is pleased that Lapointe  
goods had reached St. Marys. Encloses invoice and receipts. Re-  
quests that lime be supplied for Borup. L.B.O. 13:458 9252
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account of sales of lead and invoices for beads  
and tobacco pipes. Will investigate inferior robes. L.B.O. 13:  
459 9253
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Error in charges for robes was made at St. Louis. Urges  
that beads for Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. be forwarded immedia-  
tely. L.B.O. 13:460 9254
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Cannot use smooth bore rifles for the Indian trade. En-  
closes order for Lancaster pattern rifles. L.B.O. 13:461 9255
- Aug. 22 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Has received packing accounts of returns. Muskrats cannot  
be sold until trade revives. Re accounts. Winnebago claims  
have all been paid, and will be divided soon. Re rejection of  
appropriation for Farribault's Island. L.B.O. 13:462 9256

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Aug. 22 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
 Re packing accounts received. Discussion of DuBay's interference in the trade of Lake Superior district. One outfit should not meddle with the trade of another. Insurance Company will pay for loss and damage on goods, but require more specific statements of loss. Winnebago claims have been paid; funds will be divided at once. Has forwarded English goods by Lake route. Deer skins sold at auction in London brought full value. Encloses letter to Sibley and duplicate copies of certain papers. L.B.C. 14:1-3 9257

Aug. 22 -- War Department -- From J. R. Poinsett  
 Details of case of Berthkeht who has sold ardent spirits in the Indian country. Berthkeht as a half-breed cannot be legally excludcd from the Indian country, because intercourse law applies only to whites. Berthkeht has been allowed to return only to support his family by agriculture. (Northern Outfit Miscellany). 2p. 9258

Aug. 22 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
 Goods for Brewster have been forwarded by steamboat; powder must go by brig. Also, have forwarded one bell and fixtures for Baraga. 1p. 9259

Aug. 22 -- Wheeling -- From J. Pratte & Son  
 Details of recent shipment of lead. Advise Crooks to sell lead according to his own judgment. 1p. 9260

Aug. 24 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis  
 Has paid subscriptions to newspapers as directed. Re payment made to Astor. L.B.C. 14:4 9261

Aug. 24 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
 Is pleased with prompt dispatch of Lake Superior goods to St. Marys. Hopes transportation rates in Ohio will be made more reasonable. L.B.C. 14:5 9262

Aug. 24 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover  
 Re giving duplicate of draft which is said to be lost. 1p. 9263

Aug. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie  
 Encloses drafts and certificates of deposit to be credited to him; will draw against them in a few days. 1p. 9264

Aug. 24 -- Greeley, Maine -- From John Greeley  
 Requests mailing address of certain employee of the Company. 1p. 9265

Aug. 24 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Discussion of drafts and instructions about certain payments. 1p. 9266

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- Aug. 25 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Is gratified that goods have been forwarded so promptly.  
L.B.C. 14:6 9267
- Aug. 25 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Exchange has been in little demand; has been unable to pass  
drafts on Liverpool. L.P.C. 14:7 9263
- Aug. 25 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Has received invoices. Expects goods to be satisfactory.  
L.B.C. 14:8 9269
- Aug. 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
The Company will arrange in the future to ship deer skins  
only at proper time. Will send all muskrats that Lampson can  
sell. Hotte's operations are likely to cause him a heavy loss.  
His collections seem to have been sent direct to the continent.  
L.B.C. 14:9 9270
- Aug. 25 -- New York -- [George Ehninger] to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of accounts and drafts. L.P.C. 14:10 9271
- Aug. 25 -- New York -- To N. D. Grover, Logansport  
Expects directions from Detroit about Grover's drafts and  
late purchases from Phelps. L.P.C. 14:11 9272
- Aug. 25 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Encloses invoice for domestic goods. Re delay in obtaining  
English cloth. Has sent English white blankets for examination.  
L.B.C. 14:12 9273
- Aug. 25 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Discussion of attitude  
of the War Department in the case of Berthkeht. L.B.C. 14:13 9274
- Aug. 25 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Re filling order for rifles of 40 to 45 calibre barrels.  
lp. 9275
- Aug. 26 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Regrets that Crooks cannot visit Detroit, as Brewster is  
uninformed of the Company's wishes in relation to approaching  
campaign for skins. Is much in need of full directions. Skins  
must be purchased at reasonable rates. Is preparing account of  
operations for the past season. Re accounts. Borup has reported  
arrival of the "Astor" at Lapointe. Desires news of the fur  
business in Europe. (Western Outfit Miscellany). 3p. 9276
- Aug. 26 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re directions for transportation of certain parcel for Mrs.  
Wilson P. Hunt. L.P.C. 14:14 9277



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- Aug. 26 -- New York -- To Scott, Iten & Co., Fort Wayne  
Has received part of furs and skins. L.B.O. 14:15 9278
- Aug. 26 -- New York -- To Emanuel Pratte, Philadelphia  
Has obtained insurance on lead as directed. L.B.O. 14:16 9279
- Aug. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie  
Draft on the Company. As soon as deeds for Astor's land are received, will write particularly regarding them. lp. 9280
- Aug. 26 -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell  
Encloses packing account for shipment to Detroit. Goods for the Portage have been sent forward. Goods for Prairie arrived August 25 and will have to be sent up in a small Mackinac boat. Would cost twice as much by land transportation. lp. 9281
- Aug. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Stephen F. Nidelet  
Re proposal for payment of draft due August 30. lp. 9282
- Aug. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
If French manufacturer refuses to comply with contract made by his agent in New York for blankets, the Company may have to extend time for delivery. Are anxious to have French blankets because traders ask for no other. lp. 9283
- Aug. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have collected all information possible about the death of Thomas Simpson, nephew of Governor Simpson, while enroute from Red River to St. Peters. Request Crooks to forward this information to Keith. 3p. 9284
- Aug. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re accounts. Have noted especially arrangement about French blankets. If the order has to be transferred to England, Chouteau will want some curtailment in quantities. Regret that home market for furs and skins continues so dull; are unable to advise the Company about reducing prices of robes. Matters between Messrs. Ewing and the Company seem to be at an end. lp. 9285
- Aug. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re accounts and drafts. lp. 9286
- Aug. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From J. Pratte & Son  
Request insurance on shipment of lead. lp. 9287
- Aug. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 9288
- Aug. 27 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Re kind of rifles ordered. L.B.O. 14:17 9289

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- Aug. 27 -- New York -- To Emanuel Pratte, Philadelphia  
Details improvement in lead market. L.B.C. 14:18 9290
- Aug. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Will pay bond at Custom House. Re funds to be paid Ronaud  
at direction of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. L.B.C. 14:19 9291
- Aug. 27 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Discussion of preparation of hardware in Lawe's order. Is  
gratified at result of Abbott's visit to Green Bay. Approves of  
Baird as legal representative. Hopes Lawe will dispose of part  
of his real estate. L.B.C. 14:20 9292
- Aug. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Will ship goods as directed. 1p. 9293
- Aug. 27 -- Perrysburgh -- From John Hollister  
Has shipped fifty packs. Re charging expenses incurred in  
salvaging twenty packs. Year's business was very bad. Will not  
go East. 1p. 9294
- Aug. 28 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has received account of Millman's skins, so has finished  
his own statements. Has made general recapitulation of skins  
bought, with statement of average cost, to guide Lampson in  
setting prices. Will draw up account of purchases of each agent.  
The Company would get large profit if it had not been for prices  
paid by Grover and a few others. If 1839 prices for deer skins  
and raccoons prevail, Department will clear about \$100,000. De-  
tails about charging certain shipment of furs. 2p. 9295
- Aug. 28 -- Georgetown -- From Clement Cox  
Requests documents pertaining to certain suit to collect  
note for Chouteau. 2p. 9296
- Aug. 28 -- New York -- To Stephen F. Nidelet, Philadelphia  
Re checks. L.B.C. 14:21 9297
- Aug. 28 -- Winslow -- George Dean to the Company  
Wishes to sell skins to the Company. 1p. 9298
- Aug. 28 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Order for corn mill. Request for permission to visit home  
in the fall. Re request of Wilkinson, steamboat owner on Lake  
Erie to rent certain house. Condition of fish trade is poor.  
1p. 9299
- Aug. 29 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to John Hollister  
Hollister had paid Millman \$3000 too much for his skins and  
allowed him the use of \$10,000 without interest. Too high prices  
have been paid everywhere by Company's agents. Crooks will not  
come west for some time, so Brewster will go to Perrysburgh in a

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few days. Details inaccuracies in accounts. Requests Hollister to get \$1500 from Grover, advanced by Franchere. Enclosed in no. 9326. 1p. 9300

Aug. 29 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses cancelled bond paid at Custom House. Encloses draft for balance due Siter, Price & Co. L.B.C. 14:22 9301

Aug. 29 -- New York -- To J. B. DuBay, Fort Winnebago  
Annexes statement of DuBay's claim allowed under Chippewa treaty. Discussion of efforts to have the War Department divide amount of rejected claims. Connection between Lac du Flambeau and Lake Superior will be continued. Supplies sent from New York and Detroit will be forwarded by Mitchell. L.B.C. 14:23 9302

Aug. 29 -- New York -- From Lentilhon & Co.  
Request that the Company agency take certain draft at St. Pierre. 1p. 9303

Aug. 30 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Re freight forwarded at \$1.25 per cwt. 1p. 9304

Aug. 31 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Will forward separate statements of purchases of each agent during the past season. Has had to pay too much for skins. Details of high averages for all skins. Amount of Theodore E. Phelps' expenses in proportion to his purchases is outrageous. Phelps was engaged on advice of Hollister. Phelps lacks judgment and is bad economist. Furey paid too high prices but he was in a region occupied by Grover who created more competition than all opponents. Furey had to collect skins by wagons. Has reengaged Furey for the upper Wabash country. Re statement of General Grover's operations. Only consolation is to be rid of him. Spafford went into lower Wabash country late; his expenses under the circumstances are reasonable. Has reengaged Spafford. Proposes to send Franchere to Evansville again as financial agent. Franchere desires long term contract. Gooding paid too high for muskrats. The Hollisters' work is not satisfactory; expense account is enormous. Re discussion with Hollisters. 6p. 9305 (Detroit Department Papers).

Aug. 31 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re small shipment of peltries. Has sold a few otters to cap manufacturers. Annexes statements of kinds of furs and skins in shipment. L.B.C. 14:24-25 9306

Aug. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Annexes list of drafts drawn. L.B.C. 14:26-27 9307

Aug. 31 -- New York -- To George Simpson, Hudson's Bay House, London  
Discussion of report in Montreal papers about the death

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of Simpson's nephew, as given in a letter from Martin McLeod.  
L.B.C. 14:28

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Aug. 31 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Will take note of all drafts. Annexes statement of Pratte,  
Chouteau & Co.'s share of the Winnebago treaty funds. L.B.C. 14:  
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Aug. 31 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Details of payment of Winnebago claims. Has forwarded  
goods for Mrs. Hunt. Urges careful investigation of the fate of  
Thomas Simpson. Annexes memoranda of Fremont's drafts on the  
Secretary of War. L.B.C. 14:31-33

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Aug. 31 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Policy in regard to Millman was necessary. Wants more than  
\$1000 if he is to continue in the Company's service; if competi-  
tion is as strenuous in 1841, does not wish to be employed. Ben-  
jamin Hollister is discouraged and not over desirous of buying  
for the Company. Enclosed in no. 9326. 2p.

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Aug. 31 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Millman would like about 20,000 muskrats which he thinks he  
can sell. Enclosed in no. 9326. 1p.

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Aug. 31 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of draft. 1p.

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Aug. 31 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of drafts. Note in pencil about shipment of new  
buffalo robes. 1p.

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Aug. 31 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose copy of Lampson's sales account. Lampson's fur  
sale will commence September 13. 1p.

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Sept. 1 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Details of season's shipments to Crooks from Scott, Iten &  
Company; details of collection they will sell the Company. Fran-  
chere thinks large quantity of fish could be sold on lower Ohio  
and Mississippi; cannot be sold for cost in Detroit. Has asked  
Hubbard the quantity and kinds of fish he would want. Desires  
Crooks's advice on Hubbard's proposition. Encloses no. 9211.  
2p.

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Sept. 1 -- Copenhagen -- From Theodore Borup  
Has received bill of exchange. Is grateful to Crooks for  
forwarding letters. 1p.

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- Sept. 1 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoices for furs and skins. The Company has heavy payments to meet. Re draft drawn on Liverpool. Annexes memoranda of shipment. L.B.C. 14:34-35 9318
- Sept. 1 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re drafts drawn. Will forward more peltries. L.B.C. 14:36 9319
- Sept. 1 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London  
Has no further news of fate of Thomas Simpson. Crooks considers McLeod's account to be version of Aitken's story. L.B.C. 14:37 9320
- Sept. 1 -- New York -- To Lentilhon & Co., New York  
Will give directions for negotiation of certain draft. L.B.C. 14:38 9321
- Sept. 1 -- New York -- Gaillard & Embury to the Company  
Circular -- Announce their entering commission business, especially for importation of French goods. lp. 9322
- Sept. 1 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Re furs forwarded. lp. 9323
- Sept. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Are pleased with improvement in lead market. Details of accounts. Re furs forwarded. Will not have any more beaver; whole supply in regions is quite inconsiderable. lp. 9324
- Sept. 1 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Are grateful for copies of account sales. Re drafts. lp. 9325
- Sept. 2 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has not alienated the Hollisters by his plain remarks. They must be reengaged so long as the Company competes with the Ewings. Brewster has not as many muskrats as Millman wants, so they would have to be obtained from the Company. The Brig is going up with last goods Brewster will furnish to the North; brought down 14 packs. Encloses nos. 9300, 9311, and 9312. lp. 9326
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- To Watts Sherman, Albany  
Re lost draft; requests that payment be stopped. L.B.C. 14:39-40 9327
- Sept. 2 -- New York -- To N. D. Grover, Logansport  
Discussion of drafts sold by Grover to Sherwood, Miller & Co. L.B.C. 14:41 9328

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- Sept. 2 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Expects shipment of new crop of robes soon. L.B.C. 14:42 9329
- Sept. 3 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Received goods, and packages for Western Outfit. Mistake about cod lines rectified. William Lasley's account will soon be paid; Lasley is dissatisfied with the prices of Company goods. Re sending account to Rix Robinson. Error in invoice; details correct statement of charges. 3p. 9330
- Sept. 3 -- New York -- To Ezra S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Encloses note to be collected. Expects prices of robes to be the same as 1839. L.B.C. 14:43 9331
- Sept. 3 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Will collect drafts as requested. L.B.C. 14:44 9332
- Sept. 3 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account current. Encloses documents for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Re draft lost in the mail. Has received first lot of robes. L.B.C. 14:45-46 9333
- Sept. 3 -- New York -- To Clement Cox, Georgetown  
Will transmit legal record in the case of Levi O. Turner. L.B.C. 14:47 9334
- Sept. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re remittance for payment of certain draft. Encloses payment on account. L.B.C. 14:48-49 9335
- Sept. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to G. Haight, Rochester  
Requests payment of enclosed certificate. L.B.C. 14:50 9336
- Sept. 3 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Have received order from the Company for goods. Will supply sky blue blankets in place of darker blue. Payment through Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. is entirely satisfactory. 2p. 9337
- Sept. 3 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has forwarded rifles via Philadelphia to New York. 1p. 9338
- Sept. 3 -- Albany -- From Watts Sherman (Cashier)  
Can give no information about draft Crooks inquires for. 1p. 9339
- Sept. 3 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re drafts to be honored. No reply from French firm about order for blankets. 1p. 9340

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- Sept. 4 -- New York -- From W. B. Astor  
Request to pay Halleck amount due J. J. Astor under the  
Winnebago treaty. lp. 9341
- Sept. 4 --  New York -- From Samuel J. Beals  
Asks for sample blankets. lp. 9342
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To Watts Sherman, Albany  
Details of missing draft. L.B.O. 14:51 9343
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis  
Details of error in certain bill. L.B.O. 14:52-53 9344
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To John Dowling, Galena  
Goods for Dowling were forwarded in conformity to invoice.  
Deficit must have occurred at New Orleans or St. Louis. L.B.O.  
14:54-55 9345
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay  
Has received packing accounts. Is pleased that goods for  
Prairie du Chien and the Portage were forwarded promptly. Re  
directions for payment of robes. L.B.O. 14:56 9346
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Details packs of furs and skins received. Advises that  
goods for Mackinac and Lake Superior be forwarded by steamboat.  
L.B.O. 14:57 9347
- Sept. 4 -- New York -- To John Greeley, Maine  
Details post-offices in the western country. L.B.O. 14:  
58 9348
- Sept. 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of accounts. lp. 9349
- Sept. 4 -- Trieste -- From -- Suppanttschitsch  
Re bill of exchange for Pierz. Encloses letters to be for-  
warded to Madam Hoeffern and Baraga. lp. (French) 9350
- Sept. 5 -- New York -- To James Keith, Lachine  
Discussion of information communicated to Simpson concern-  
ing the death of Thomas Simpson. Chouteau's report confirms  
earlier account. Will direct agent on the upper Mississippi to  
send to Lac qui Parle for effects of Thomas Simpson. L.B.O. 14:  
59 9351
- Sept. 5 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Will protect draft. L.B.O. 14:60 9352

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Sept. 5 -- New York -- To Frederick Baraga, Lapointe  
Loisson has sent more wine for Baraga's account. Encloses letter from Loisson. Prospects for sale of wine are not favorable. L.B.C. 14:61 9353

Sept. 5 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for robes. Wish definite instructions about sale of damaged goods insured by the Company. 2p. 9354

Sept. 5 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for a few packs of robes. Goods have not yet arrived. 1p. 9355

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Encloses invoice for goods shipped. Discussion of opposition carried on in Lake Superior region by Cleveland firm. Re Crooks's opinion of opponents need of money. Secretary of War will not permit mining in the Indian country. L.B.C. 14:62 9356

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 14:63 9357

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To George Deane, Winslow, Indiana  
Prices for furs and skins in the coming season have not been determined. The Company's agents will pay reasonable rates. L.B.C. 14:64 9358

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Details of probable order for blankets. L.B.C. 14:65-66 9359

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London  
Encloses copy of letter from Pierre Chouteau, Jr. confirming tragic death of Thomas Simpson. The Company will forward personal property of Simpson. L.B.C. 14:67 9360

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Will forward large quantity of furs and skins including some beaver. Has drawn draft on Liverpool. L.B.C. 14:68 9361

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Discussion of kinds and quality of goods forwarded to Abbott. L.B.C. 14:69 9362

Sept. 7 -- New York -- To Charles J. Nourse, Washington  
Discussion of discrepancy in payment of Chippewa claims. Wishes to know if further payments will be made. L.B.C. 14:70 9363

Sept. 7 -- Chicago -- G. S. Hubbard to William Brewster  
Hubbard and Edgil have contemplated establishing fish trade between Chicago and St. Louis. Thinks this trade would



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- be profitable if fish be carefully handled. Plan to forward 500 barrels this season. Some fishing companies now operating at northern part of Lake Michigan supply the Chicago market. Re prices and quantity of fish wanted. (Detroit Department Papers). 2p. 9364
- Sept. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Request remittance to J. A. Sire in bills on Paris. 1p. 9365
- Sept. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Re drafts. 1p. 9366
- Sept. 8 -- New York -- To Francois Pierz, Arbre Croche  
Re church ornaments and funds for Pierz received from Suppantchitsch at Trieste. L.B.C. 14:71 9367
- Sept. 8 -- New York -- To Suppantchitsch, Trieste  
Details of funds and ornaments forwarded to Pierz. L.B.C. 14:72 9368
- Sept. 8 -- New York -- To LaRue & Palmer, Havre  
Has received bill of lading for wine to be sold for Baraga. L.B.C. 14:73 9369
- Sept. 8 -- New York -- To Loisson, Pierry, France  
Will try to sell wine for Baraga. L.B.C. 14:74 9370
- Sept. 8 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Details of Livingston's proposed trip to Lower Canada and New York. L.B.C. 14:75 9371
- Sept. 8 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Details of quality and value of Scott, Iten & Company's collection. Re terms on which to sell muskrats to Millman. L.B.C. 14:76 9372
- Sept. 8 -- Astor House -- From Emanuel Pratte  
Desires to arrange for funds for E. F. Pratte who wishes to dispose of lead. L.B.C. 14:96 9373
- Sept. 8 -- Logansport -- From N. D. Grover  
Re matter of protested draft. Details circumstances of purchases at Louisville, Lexington, Madison, and Dayton; details why Ewings got certain of these collections. The Company has lost \$30,000 worth of furs. Ewings are very active. Encloses nos. 8277, 8366, 8731, 8833, 8842, and 8902. 4p. 9374
- Sept. 8 -- Rochester -- From G. Haight, City Bank  
Re draft on account of Mackenzie. 1p. 9375

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- Sept. 9 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 14:77 9376
- Sept. 9 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Encloses invoice for corn mill and patent scale beam. Re  
drafts paid. L.B.C. 14:78 9377
- Sept. 9 -- Troy -- From David Ellis  
Encloses check in payment of note. Requests prices of  
robes. 2p. 9378
- Sept. 9 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John Holiday  
Deeply grieved that account with the Company must be stop-  
ped. Much hurt that Crooks did not answer his letter. Demands  
immediate settlement; cannot wait until last muskrat of Northern  
Outfit is sold. 2p. 9379
- Sept. 10 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 14:79 9380
- Sept. 10 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Re contents of previous letter. L.B.C. 14:80 9381
- Sept. 10 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Re shipment of good quality beaver. Encloses invoices.  
Advises early sales. Has drawn draft on Liverpool. L.B.C. 14:  
81-82 9382
- Sept. 10 -- New York -- To David Ellis, Troy  
Has received check in payment of account. Expects prices  
of robes to be the same as in 1839. L.B.C. 14:83 9383
- Sept. 10 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account of sales of lead. Re directions given to  
Henry & Co. about filling order for blankets. Is grateful for  
investigation of Thos. Simpson's fate. Is trying to get buffalo  
robes into fashion. L.B.C. 14:84-85 9384
- Sept. 10 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Have no directions from Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. about  
order transmitted to French manufacturer for blankets. 1p. 9385
- Sept. 10 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Re goods forwarded to Lapointe, St. Marys, Lake Superior,  
and Mackinac. Annex statement of shipping rates offered by  
Blair & Co. at Cleveland; these rates are not satisfactory. 2p.  
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- Sept. 11 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Indian payments to be made September 17; much competition  
for trade. 1p. 9387

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- Sept. 11 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Re parcels to be forwarded. L.B.C. 14:86 9388
- Sept. 11 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Annexes memoranda of collections made under the Winnebago treaty. Chippewa claims were paid in St. Louis funds. Has paid dividend to Astor. Re claim collected for DuBay. Robes will be sold at Detroit. Encloses duplicate invoice for English goods. Annexes statement of claim of old Company under Winnebago treaty of 1837. L.B.C. 14:88-90 9389
- Sept. 11 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
The Hudson's Bay Company has requested that property of Thomas Simpson be forwarded to London. Details of directions for obtaining and forwarding said property. The Company has promised Governor Simpson to give prompt attention to this matter. L.B.C. 14:91 9390
- Sept. 11 -- Lachine -- From James Keith  
Acknowledges Crooks's letter in regard to Thomas Simpson and party. Requests Crooks to forward Simpson's portmanteau and little trunk to Hudson's Bay House, London. 1p. 9391
- Sept. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Have drawn draft which they wish Crooks to honor. 1p. 9392
- Sept. 11 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose copy of September 3. 1p. 9393
- Sept. 12 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses corrected invoice for goods. Re packages from Trieste for Pierz. L.B.C. 14:92 9394
- Sept. 12 -- New York -- To Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
Prefers that Livingston keep goods rather than to sell without payment. Expects prices of merchandise to advance in 1841. Is pleased that Livingston has completed buildings. L.B.C. 14:93 9395
- Sept. 12 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
The Company fully agrees with Brewster's conclusions about management of business by different agencies of Detroit Department. Thoro reformation is needed. Inability of Crooks to go to the west makes it necessary that Brewster come to New York at once for consultation on Company business. Requests that Franchere accompany Brewster. Re further efforts by G. W. Ewing to make agreement with Company. Details probable prices of robes. Discussion of market conditions and probability of slight profit. Advises that fish be sent to Ohio in effort to find a market. Discussion of arrangement that Brewster may make with Hubbard. Cannot sell lake fish in New York. Re suggestions for purchase of deer skins. L.B.C. 14:98-101 9396

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- Sept. 14 -- Lapointe -- From Frederick Baraga  
Has paid most of church expenses. Wishes to know amount of debt to the Company in New York. Attaches list of moneys paid him by Borup. lp. 9397
- Sept. 14 -- New York -- To E. F. Pratte, Fredericktown, Missouri  
Details of terms of agreement on which the Company will take Pratte's lead. L.B.O. 14:94-95 9398
- Sept. 14 -- New York -- To Emanuel Pratte, Philadelphia  
Encloses copy of proposal made to E. F. Pratte. L.B.O. 14: 97 9399
- Sept. 14 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Annexes list of drafts drawn. L.B.O. 14:102 9400
- Sept. 14 -- New York -- To O. M. Lampson, London  
Details of lack of business. Discussion of prospects for future sales. Re sale of Ewings' muskrats by Suydam, Sage & Co. at very low rates. L.B.O. 14:103 9401
- Sept. 14 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Encloses check in payment of rifles. L.B.O. 14:104-105 9402
- Sept. 14 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Annexes bill for robes shipped. Re prices of robes. L.B.O. 14:106 9403
- Sept. 14 -- Detroit -- From John Garland  
Has drawn draft to meet extra expenses. Coquillard has moved 500 Pottawatomies from near bend of St. Joseph's and gets \$40 per head. Godfrey will take out to Missouri about 300 Indians in a few days. Indian payment being transmitted very slowly. lp. 9404
- Sept. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie  
Draft on the Company. lp. 9405
- Sept. 14 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received abstract of account for August and memoranda of recovered Winnebago claims. The parties interested in Upper Missouri Outfit, 1838, have become impatient for settlement. Regret exceedingly the long delay by the Company. lp. 9406
- Sept. 15 -- New York -- To Joseph Rolette, Prairie du Chien  
Encloses duplicate of previous letter and papers. Trade continues very dull. L.B.O. 14:107 9407
- Sept. 15 -- Montreal -- From Benjamin Demers & Co.  
Re order for robes. lp. 9408

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Sept. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Details of accounts, including Fremont's drafts which Mourse collected. Will examine abstract of account. Re shipment of robes. Have purchased entire returns of robes for 1839 in upper Missouri region. The Company shall always be final judge in determining any sale of robes. 2p. 9409

Sept. 16 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup

Has diminished order for next year's supplies, as part of general reform. Is anxious for instructions from Crooks, because of present condition of fish and fur trade. Goods for Indian payment have arrived but not provisions. Indians will not be paid before October. (Northern Outfit Letters, 1840). 2p. 9410

Sept. 16 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup

Re arrangements for payment of school expenses of Morrison's son, whom Dr. Houghton will take in charge. (Northern Outfit Letters, 1840). 1p. 9411

Sept. 16 -- Prairie du Chien. -- From Hercules L. Dousman

Receipt of goods. Damage to some goods. Details of accounts. Plans to pay Winnebago annuities. 2p. 9412

Sept. 16 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading. 1p. 9413

Sept. 16 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.

Enclose bill of lading for furs and for box for General Gratiot. 1p. 9414

Sept. 17 -- Perrysburg -- From William Brewster

Arrived September 15. Came to make arrangements with the Hollisters and other agents for coming season. Furey is in charge of upper Wabash country; leaves immediately; authorized to draw drafts. 1p. 9415

Sept. 17 -- New York -- To Emanuel Pratte, Philadelphia

Re decline in lead market. Wishes directions about sale of Pratte's lead. L.B.O. 14:108 9416

Sept. 17 -- Detroit -- George W. Ewing to William Brewster

Presumes that the Company and Ewings will be in opposition this year in the purchase of furs and skins. Fair and manly competition in business will make it wholesome. Ewings want a portion of skins and intend to have them. (Detroit Department Papers). 1p. 9417

Sept. 17 -- Boulton -- From James Henry

Has received draft in payment for rifles. Re route for shipping rifles. 1p. 9418

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- Sept. 17 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re drafts drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. for trader who  
is going east. 1p. 9419
- Sept. 18 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Received goods ordered for Lawe. Has shipped 118 packs;  
225 from Western Outfit shipped. \$27,000 paid Indians. 1p. 9420
- Sept. 18 -- New York -- To Clement Cox, Georgetown  
Encloses legal record of case of Levi Turner. Annexes  
statement about Kinney's note of 1837 and effort to obtain pay-  
ment. L.B.C. 14:109-110 9421
- Sept. 18 -- Troy -- From David Ellis  
Encloses check in payment of note. 1p. 9422
- Sept. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie  
Re draft of March 12. 1p. 9423
- Sept. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Emanuel Pratte  
Advises that lead be held until price advances. 1p. 9424
- Sept. 18 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Instructions about enclosed draft. 1p. 9425
- Sept. 18 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of letters from the Company. 1p. 9426
- Sept. 19 -- Mackinac -- From Samuel Abbott  
Sends summary of Grand Rapids affairs. [Not enclosed].  
Will need all money collected from sales. 1p. 9427
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Has received statement of accounts. Re directions about  
order for blankets. L.B.C. 14:111-112 9428
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of accounts and drafts. L.B.C. 14:113-114 9429
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To David Ellis, Troy  
Has received check in payment of note. L.B.C. 14:115 9430
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Discussion of necessity of shipping large quantities of  
deer skins. Has drawn drafts on Liverpool. Is gratified with  
first report of London sale. L.B.C. 14:116-117 9431
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re draft received. L.B.C. 14:118 9432

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- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
 Encloses report of Hudson's Bay Company's sale in London.  
 Discussion of Spafford's purchases of very inferior deer skins.  
 Only safe rates should be paid for skins. L.B.C. 14:119-120 9433
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
 Encloses extract from Lampson's letter, giving result of  
 London sales. L.B.C. 14:121 9434
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal.  
 Details of prices fixed for robes. Prefers that buyers ex-  
 amine robes before purchasing. L.B.C. 14:122 9435
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To Benjamin Demers & Co., Montreal  
 Re prices of robes. L.B.C. 14:123 9436
- Sept. 19 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
 Re order to draw draft on the Company. L.B.C. 14:127 9437
- Sept. 19 -- Albany -- Chas. Lyon & Co. to John French  
 [First part of letter missing.] Re certain note and payment  
 of same to be credited on Company's books. Mr. Lyon is not at  
 home. Annexed is a page of figures pertaining to above mention-  
 ed note. 2p. 9438
- Sept. 19 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
 Enclose bill of lading for robes. 1p. 9439
- Sept. 21 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Discussion of heavy shipments of deer skins, and Lampson's  
 exertions to preserve them. The Company will have more careful  
 arrangements for 1841. Discussion of effect of over supply of  
 deer skins on the London market. Advises sale at any price. En-  
 closes invoice for shipment of peltries. Annexes statement of  
 contents of shipment. L.B.C. 14:124-126, 129 9440
- Sept. 21 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickensgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Re shipment of furs to Lampson. Is grateful for attention  
 to orders for Henry & Co. and Outler. L.B.C. 14:128 9441
- Sept. 21 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
 Re robes forwarded, charges, etc. L.B.C. 14:130 9442
- Sept. 21 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
 Has received order on Custom House. L.B.C. 14:131 9443
- Sept. 21 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
 Discussion of contract for French blankets. Details advice  
 about sale of robes. 2p. 9444

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- Sept. 21 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Request return of certain draft. Details of accounts. 1p.  
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- Sept. 22 -- New York -- To John J. Taaffe, Albany  
Re shipment of one bale of otter skins. L.B.O. 14:132 9446
- Sept. 22 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses draft as requested. L.B.O. 14:133 9447
- Sept. 22 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account of sales of part of deer skins. Re large quantity of poor skins on hand in London and slight prospect of selling them. Lampson desires to return inferior skins. Details of accounts. Encloses account sales of lead. L.B.O. 14:134-136 9448
- Sept. 22 -- New York -- To Daniel Lord, Jr., Present  
Details of efforts of the Company to collect damages from ship owners for robes injured by rats. Wishes to know verdict in similar case. L.B.O. 14:137 9449
- Sept. 22 -- Pierry près Epernay -- From Loisson  
Requests information of prospects for sale of wines in New York. Has many varieties of wine for sale. Asks Crooks's opinion about sending agent to New York. Shipped wine for Baraga in June. 2p. (French) 9450
- Sept. 22 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Have not heard from Small, Williams & Co.; desire their claim to remain in statu quo. 1p. 9451
- Sept. 23 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses account of sales of deer skins in London. Discussion of inferior skins unsold. Agents must be more careful in making purchases. L.B.O. 14:138 9452
- Sept. 23 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Annex order for goods to be purchased in England. 1p. 9453
- Sept. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have received draft. 1p. 9454



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- Sept. 24 -- New York -- To Loisson, Pierry, France  
Has examined wine for Baraga. Cannot sell wine until business improves. L.B.C. 14:139 9455
- Sept. 24 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Encloses Astor's receipt for interest paid him. L.B.C. 14:149 9456
- Sept. 25 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 14:150 9457
- Sept. 25 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Has noted Lampson's remarks about sales and finances. The Company is almost entirely dependent on foreign sales for funds. The Company has received last of Lake Superior returns. Abbott has retained collections until cool weather. L.B.C. 14:151-152 9458
- Sept. 25 -- New York -- To E. F. Pratte, Fredericktown, Missouri  
Has arranged insurance on lead. L.B.C. 14:153 9459
- Sept. 25 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Encloses bill of lading for robes shipped. L.B.C. 14:154 9460
- Sept. 26 -- Lapointe -- From Frederick Baraga  
Directions for sending manuscript to Europe for printing. lp. 9461
- Sept. 26 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Encloses bill of lading for robes. L.B.C. 14:155 9462
- Sept. 26 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Requests that robes be examined and returned if not satisfactory. L.B.C. 14:156 9463
- Sept. 26 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Is pleased that furs and skins were forwarded promptly. Re shipment of robes damaged by rats. Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 14:157-158 9464
- Sept. 26 -- New York -- To N. D. Grover, Logansport  
Discussion of Grover's bad management in arrangement with Stone and Phelps. L.B.C. 14:159 9465
- Sept. 26 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Cutler  
Will give attention to order received. Re arrangement with Henry & Co. for shipment. lp. 9466
- Sept. 26 -- Sault Ste. Marie -- From John R. Livingston  
Packing account of furs annexed. Reports the "Astor" load-

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ing for last trip of the season. Fish trade is worthless. 1p.  
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Sept. 26 -- Buffalo -- From Parsons & Co.  
Re goods forwarded. Furs and skins received from Mackinac  
were not in good order but were shipped immediately. 2p. 9468

Sept. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Directions about accounts. 1p. 9469

Sept. 26 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Order for 25 packs of upper Missouri robes and 25 packs of  
Sioux robes. Request Crooks make agreement with H. B. Kingsley,  
agent for Comstock & Martin, for transporting robes. Copy of  
1839 contract given. 2p. 9470

Sept. 27 -- Detroit -- From John Garland  
Has had to draw draft. Nothing new in Detroit except polit-  
ical meetings on a large scale. The Vice-President makes his  
appearance in Detroit for Democracy September 28, and some other  
big bug on the 30th for the Whigs. 1p. 9471

Sept. 28 -- New York -- To James Keith, Lachine  
Details of letter from Gov. Simpson about the death of  
Thomas Simpson. L.B.C. 14:160 9472

Sept. 28 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Has received marked catalog of Lampson's deer skin sale. Re  
Lampson's report of quality of skins. Details Lampson's predic-  
tions of prices for various furs and skins for future sales.  
Prospects are encouraging, but extravagant prices should not be  
paid in 1841. Encloses invoices for silver works and sample  
blankets. L.B.C. 14:161-163 9473

Sept. 28 -- River St. Peters -- From Henry H. Sibley  
Is arranging to leave for Red Cedar country. Has persuaded  
some Indians to accompany him. Specie annuity of Sioux has not  
yet arrived, fortunately, as English goods also are not received,  
and all outfits are deficient in most essential articles. Fears  
great loss in fall trade. Directions about Forbes' notes. Re  
Rolette's response to Sibley's wish to join Mackenzie; Sibley will  
remain in charge of the Sioux Outfit. Re subscriptions to papers.  
(Western Outfit Papers, 1840). 2p. 9474

Sept. 29 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Encloses account current for 1839, and abstract of account  
for 1840. L.B.C. 14:164 9475

Sept. 29 -- New York -- To Bernard Pratte, [Jr.], St. Louis  
Encloses account current for 1839. L.B.C. 14:165 9476

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- Sept. 29 -- New York -- To Mrs. P. Berthold, St. Louis  
Encloses statement of account for 1839. L.B.C. 14:166 9477
- Sept. 29 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Has shipped robes as directed. Encloses duplicate of agreement with transportation company. Re prices. L.B.C. 14:167 9478
- Sept. 29 -- New York -- To J. C. Pierce & Son, St. Johns  
Re robes to be forwarded to Vallee, Boyer & Co. L.B.C. 14:168 9479
- Sept. 29 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Re missing package of powder. Re accounts. L.B.C. 14:169-170 9480
- Sept. 29 -- New York -- To Ezra S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Has forwarded robes as directed. Will fix term of credit later. L.B.C. 14:171 9481
- Sept. 29 -- New York -- To Frederick Baraga, Lapointe  
Encloses statement of account for 1839. L.B.C. 14:172 9482
- Sept. 29 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Rifles have been forwarded from Buffalo. Will send Grand River account to Rix Robinson. Pleased with results at annuity payments. L.B.C. 14:173 9483
- Sept. 29 -- Montreal -- From Benjamin Demers & Co.  
Re order for robes. lp. 9484
- Sept. 29 -- Troy -- From David Ellis  
Encloses draft in payment of note. lp. 9485
- Sept. 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhauss  
Have drawn draft for balance of account. Statement of account. lp. 9486
- Sept. 29 -- Mackinac -- From Stephen James  
Forwarded Brewster's packages to St. Marys. Abbott has gone to Detroit. lp. 9487
- Sept. 30 -- New York -- To David Ellis, Troy  
Has received check in payment of note. L.B.C. 14:174 9488
- Sept. 30 -- New York -- To Henry & Co., Leeds  
Is pleased that order is being prepared for shipment. Loubat has stated that manufacturers in France will fill order for blankets. L.B.C. 14:175 9489

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Sept. 30 -- New York -- To Robert Laidlaw, Edinburgh  
 Encloses remittance, as requested by Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
 & Co. L.B.C. 14:176 9490

Sept. 30 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 14:177-178 9491

Sept. 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Has received catalog of Lampson's successful sale. Details  
 of peltries to be shipped soon. Has received Simpson's letters and  
 papers. L.B.C. 14:179 9492

Sept. 30 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Details of collections still incomplete. Result of Lamp-  
 son's sale was more favorable than the Company had expected.  
 Discussion of effect on market. Re deer skins and raccoons to  
 be sold. Details of plans to ship otters. Requests that credit  
 be provided with Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. Annexes memoranda of  
 account of sales. L.B.C. 14:180-183 9493

Sept. 30 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
 Re plans for filling orders for blankets. Will forward  
 samples of certain blankets. Annex copy of account. 1p. 9494

Sept. 30 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
 Enclose copy of Lampson's account of sales. Henry firm  
 has drawn draft for certain goods. No reply has been received  
 from France. 2p. 9495

Oct. 1 -- Lapointe -- From Frederick Baraga  
 Directions for sending champagne. 1p. 9496

Oct. 1 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London  
 Papers for Finlayson at Red River Settlement have been re-  
 ceived and will be forwarded via St. Peters. Hopes to keep  
 Aitken so busy at Sandy Lake that he cannot disturb peace of the  
 border. Details of situation of opponents concerning fishing  
 activities on Lake Superior. Details of death of Thomas Simpson.  
 L.B.C. 14:184-185 9497

Oct. 1 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
 Details of accounts. L.B.C. 14:186-187 9498

Oct. 1 -- Logansport -- From W. D. Grover  
 Mistake made by Hollisters in settling accounts; list of  
 drafts. 2p. 9499

Oct. 1 -- Lapointe -- Charles W. Borup to the Hudson's Bay Com-  
 pany, Fort William  
 President of the American Fur Company expressly desires that  
 agreement between Hudson's Bay Company and American Fur Company

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should be strictly adhered to by all in service of the Company. Borup is pleased to conform to such instructions. Details of relations with Indians from Grand Portage who needed provisions. Will keep correct account of goods given and furs received from these Indians and will give copy to Hudson's Bay Company. Enclosed in no. 9558. 2p. 9500

Oct. 1 -- Lapointe -- From Francois Lamoureux

Requests Crooks not to accept certain certificate in favor of partners of Cleveland Northern Lake Company as it was obtained from Lamoureux by unfair means. (Northern Outfit Papers, 1840). lp. 9501

Oct. 1 -- Philadelphia -- From Emanuel Pratte

Details of directions for sale of lead and disposal of proceeds. lp. 9502

Oct. 2 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup

Requests Crooks not to pay any of certificates issued at Lapointe last September for money deposited with the Northern Outfit as all of depositors have large accounts for supplies advanced to them. (Northern Outfit Letters, 1840). lp. 9503

Oct. 2 -- Boston -- From Orr N. Towne

Encloses draft to be credited on account. lp. 9504

Oct. 3 -- [Received] -- Bradford & Vennard to the Company

Circular -- Announce their firm as commission and forwarding merchants. lp. 9505

Oct. 3 -- New York -- To Samuel Beals, Present

Re blankets wanted for 1841. L.B.C. 14:188 9506

Oct. 3 -- New York -- To J. C. Pierce & Son, St. Johns

Re shipment of robes to be forwarded to Demers & Co., Montreal. L.B.C. 14:189 9507

Oct. 3 -- New York -- To Benjamin Demers & Co., Montreal

Has filled order for robes. Re accounts. L.B.C. 14:190 9508

Oct. 3 -- New York -- From the Company (per Lamont) to Orr N. Towne, Boston

Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 14:191 9509

Oct. 3 -- Philadelphia -- F. & D. Samuel to the Company. lp.

Request price of buffalo robes. 9510

Oct. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Have noted Lampson's report on autumn sales of furs; regret that articles in which Chouteaus are most interested do not sell well. Re order for goods to be purchased in the United States. Re beaver and lead shipped. lp. 9511

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- Oct. 3 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Lampson advises of error in account of sales. lp. 9512
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To F. & D. Samuel, Philadelphia  
Details of terms on which robes will be sold. L.B.C. 14:192  
9513
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To Small, Williams & Co.  
Re accounts with Mullikin & Pratte. L.B.C. 14:193 9514
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To Duncan Finlayson, Hudson's Bay Company,  
Red River Settlement  
Details of route by which papers from Simpson will be for-  
warded to Finlayson. L.B.C. 14:194 9515
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Present  
Requests that all agents notify the Company when drafts are  
drawn. Directions to forward papers to Finlayson. The Company  
is anxious to return kindness of Hudson's Bay Company by prompt  
delivery. Annexes memoranda of papers for Detroit Department.  
L.B.C. 14:195-197 9516
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Details of directions for forwarding papers for Finlayson.  
Urges that great care be exercised in this matter. L.B.C. 14:  
198-200 9517
- Oct. 5 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Re filling of order for robes. L.B.C. 14:201 9518
- Oct. 5 -- College Point -- From W. A. Muhlenberg for John Garland  
In account with St. Paul's College  
Statement of amount due for board and instruction for term  
ending, March 1, 1841. lp. 9519
- Oct. 5 -- Lowell -- From John Nesmith (per Philips)  
Requests additional information about blankets ordered. lp.  
9520
- Oct. 5 -- Pratte's Landing, Missouri -- From J. Pratte & Son  
Enclose bill of lading for lead shipped to the Company. lp.  
9521
- Oct. 6 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Re changes in accounts. Western Outfit returns are in the  
Company's store. Details of report of Lampson's sale. Discus-  
sion of efforts to sell otters. L.B.C. 14:202-204. L.B.C. 14:  
9522
- Oct. 6 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Discussion of prospects for filling of order for French  
blankets. Has noted directions about accounts, orders and drafts.  
L.B.C. 14:205-206 9523

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- Oct. 6 -- Isle Royal -- James P. Scott to Charles W. Borup  
Details wreck of schooner "Siskawit" laden with fish. Re  
storm and difficulty in securing boat to carry men to Lapointe.  
All property including fish had to be left on the island.  
(Northern Outfit Papers, 1840). 3p. 9524
- Oct. 6 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Buffalo robes received. Sending draft for £500, Halifax  
currency. 2p. 9525
- Oct. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Will draw drafts. Furs are being prepared for shipment.  
L.B.C. 14:207 9526
- Oct. 7 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Details of market for otters. Expects Harrison to be  
elected President, which will restore confidence and revive  
business. Is pleased that Hudson's Bay Company will discourage  
hunting of muskrats. Re effects of reckless competition in the  
Ohio country. Expects Company's operations in 1841 to be car-  
ried on with due regard to safety. Will ship raccoons in packs  
instead of bales. L.B.C. 14:208-210 9527
- Oct. 7 -- New York -- To John Nesmith, Lowell, Mass.  
Will furnish particular directions for blankets wanted.  
L.B.C. 14:211 9528
- Oct. 7 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Directions about mail. L.B.C. 14:212 9529
- Oct. 8 -- New York -- To Captain Alexander Johnston, Sault Ste.  
Marie  
Will forward books received from Colman. Re charges.  
L.B.C. 14:213 9530
- Oct. 8 -- New York -- To John Garland, Detroit  
Has paid Garland's drafts. Order for clothes has been  
filled. L.B.C. 14:214 9531
- Oct. 8 -- Lapointe -- From James McKay  
Requests Crooks to send bill of exchange to McKay's father.  
1p. 9532
- Oct. 8 -- New York -- From Pillot & LeBarbien  
Re payment of funds to be credited to Pierre Chouteau, Jr.  
at direction of Nicollet. 1p. 9533
- Oct. 8 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Orders 25 packs upper Missouri and 25 packs of Sioux robes.  
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- Oct. 9 -- Boston -- From Boyd & Sons  
Re accounts. 1p. 9535
- Oct. 9 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Annexes order for goods. Expects French manufacturers to  
fill order for blankets. Samples of contract blankets are satis-  
factory. Traders are partial to French blankets. L.B.C. 14:215  
9536
- Oct. 9 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Re orders for goods. L.B.C. 14:216 9537
- Oct. 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose drafts to be collected. 1p. 9538
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Discussion of trade conditions. Fisheries in western  
country will be carried on to limited extent, due to decline in  
prices. Will not need more guns. L.B.C. 14:217-218 9539
- Oct. 10 -- [New York] -- To George Simpson, London  
Has forwarded papers to Finlayson. L.B.C. 14:219 9540
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Re drafts. Has ordered goods. L.B.C. 14:220 9541
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Will collect drafts as directed. L.B.C. 14:221 9542
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- To Justina McLeod, Lapointe  
Details of plans about Miss McLeod's brother. L.B.C. 14:  
222 9543
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- To Martin Boyd & Sons, Boston  
Will credit check on account. L.B.C. 14:223 9544
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- To Charles H. Oakes, Sandy Lake  
Regrets that Oakes will be distrubed in trade by rivalry  
of Aitken on upper Mississippi. Re Aitken's supply of goods.  
Annexes memoranda of payment for Oakes under Winnebago treaty.  
Details of papers to be delivered to Finlayson. L.B.C. 14:224-  
225 9545
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- To Charles W. Borup, Lapointe  
Will give attention to orders. Returns have arrived in  
good condition. Details of market conditions for otters and  
muskrats. Borup and Oakes may manage ACitken as they please.  
Re low prices for fish. L.B.C. 14:226-227 9546



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- Oct. 10 -- New York -- To Henry H. Sibley, Fort Snelling  
Sibley's share of the Winnebago payments is credited on account. Details of papers to be forwarded to Finlayson. L.B.C. 14:223 9547
- Oct. 10 -- New York -- To John Livingston, Sault Ste. Marie  
The Company needs Livingston's inventory and balance sheet. Re Hulbert's action about transportation of government supplies. L.B.C. 14:229 9548
- Oct. 10 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have received invoice for blankets; will examine them on arrival. Have noted Crooks's advice about fur market. Re drafts drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Fear robes left at the Mandans will not reach St. Louis this season. 1p. 9549
- Oct. 12 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Re discrepancy in accounts. L.B.C. 14:230 9550
- Oct. 12 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Has credited draft on account and filled order for robes. L.B.C. 14:231 9551
- Oct. 12 -- New York -- To Pierce & Son, St. Johns  
Re robes to be forwarded to Montreal. L.B.C. 14:232 9552
- Oct. 13 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Has no demand for beaver, otters, and muskrats. Change in political power may restore confidence in 1841. Discussion of quantity of robes in excess of demand. Re competition by Powell. Discussion of attitude of government in payment of claims. Re items in account. Discussion of necessity of the Company re-packing robes. Expects all orders for goods to be filled on time. Re prices of lead. Annexes statement concerning robes. L.B.C. 14:233-240 9553
- Oct. 13 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account current for 1839, and memoranda of skins on hand. Re accounts unpaid. Details of accounts with Center & Son and S. A. Halsey. L.B.C. 14:241-244 9554
- Oct. 13 -- Lapointe -- From Charles H. Oakes  
Oakes left Sandy Lake, October 5. Annuties have been paid to all except Mississippi Indians who have not yet arrived. Both goods and men have been supplied to each post in Fond du Lac Department. Aitken will doubtless get as many furs as he can. Not certain what posts Aitken intends occupying. Aitken will have to pay high for any furs he gets. Borup reports that furs have fallen in price. Discussion of financial relations between Company and Miss McLeod. 3p. 9555

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Oct. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Have received account current for September. Re shipment of deer skins via New Orleans. Have received 20 boxes of pipes. 1p. 9556

Oct. 13 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Annex copy of communication received from Sibley, dated St. Peters, September 15, about the death of Thomas Simpson. Sibley discusses plans for forwarding effects of Simpson. 3p. 9557

Oct. 14 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup

Kettles and balls have not arrived; kettles are of great value for spring trade. French blankets are best for trade because cheapest; Indians cannot pay for superior. Details of additional order. Aitken has large assortment of goods at Sandy Lake. Oakes is still waiting arrival of Mississippi Indians. Bushnell has lent Borup as much money as the Company expects to receive from Mississippi Indians by trade. Is sending \$7000 in specie on the "Astor". Discussion of loss of schooner "Siskawit" and conduct of Captain Wood. Urges that government goods should not be allowed to come up in opponents' vessel, even if the Company has to do it for nothing. Advises that Stanard be reengaged. Fish trade looks gloomy. Has plenty of fishing materials on hand. Encloses no. 9500. 4p. (Northern Outfit Letters, 1840). 9558

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Has received order for domestic goods. Will ship powder via New Orleans. Annexes list of papers enclosed. L.B.O. 14:245-246 9559

Oct. 14 -- New York -- To N. D. Grover, Logansport, Indiana

Encloses statement which Grover had requested. Will send copies to Hollister and Brewster. L.B.O. 14:247 9560

Oct. 14 -- Fort Wayne -- From Scott, Iten & Co.

Have shipped peltries to Brewster. 1p. 9561

Oct. 15 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh

Details of bad management of fur buying campaign in 1840. Expects profitable business arrangements in 1841. Encloses copies of letter from Grover and the Company's reply. L.B.O. 14:248 9562

Oct. 15 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds

Encloses duplicate order. L.B.O. 14:249 9563

Oct. 15 -- New York -- To Hiram Outler, Sheffield

Encloses duplicate order. L.B.O. 14:250 9564

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- Oct. 15 -- New York -- To Boyd & Sons, Boston  
Encloses retired note. L.B.C. 14:251 9565
- Oct. 15 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Details of skins to be shipped. Re drafts drawn. L.B.C.  
14:252 9566
- Oct. 15 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 14:253 9567
- Oct. 15 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London  
Has forwarded papers to Finlayson. Discussion of effects  
of Thomas Simpson. L.B.C. 14:254 9568
- Oct. 15 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Encloses account current of Northern Department for 1839.  
L.B.C. 14:255 9569
- Oct. 15 -- New York -- To Center & Son and S. A. Halsey  
Encloses account current for 1839. Requests prompt examination  
of account. L.B.C. 14:266 9570
- Oct. 15 -- St. Louis -- From E. F. Pratte & Co.  
Have drawn draft on the Company. lp. 9571
- Oct. 15 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Draft for £600 to pay for robes ordered. lp. 9572
- Oct. 16 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses marked catalog of Lampson's sale and papers needed  
to obtain payment from Schoolcraft of half-breed claims. Directions  
for collection of certain notes. Encloses abstract of  
Detroit Department account with Company's office and statement  
concerning Grover's account. Desires Brewster to discuss with  
Livingston the question of renting a house at St. Marys. L.B.C.  
14:256-258 9573
- Oct. 16 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses account current for 1839. Re delay in sending  
shawl. L.B.C. 14:259 9574
- Oct. 16 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses duplicate of account sales and letter. L.B.C. 14:  
260 9575
- Oct. 16 -- New York -- To Samuel Abbott, Mackinac  
Desires James to balance books before leaving Mackinac.  
Furs and skins have been received. Annexes memoranda of documents  
enclosed. L.B.C. 14:261-262 9576

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- Oct. 16 -- New York -- To William <sup>B</sup>rewster, Detroit  
Re additional drafts remitted for Grover's operations.  
L.B.O. 14:263 9577
- Oct. 16 -- New York -- To H. D. Grover, Logansport  
Re Grover's drafts. L.B.O. 14:264 9578
- Oct. 16 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh  
Re Grover's additional drafts. L.B.O. 14:265 9579
- Oct. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Abstracts of accounts are examined; re error. Re drafts  
drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Hope contract for French blankets  
will be filled. lp. 9580
- Oct. 17 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Has shipped robes as directed. L.B.O. 14:267 9581
- Oct. 17 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Annexes bill for robes. L.B.O. 14:268 9582
- Oct. 17 -- New York -- To Douglass Houghton, Detroit  
The Company will pay expenses of Allan Morrison's son, is  
pleased that trading operations of the Company meet Houghton's  
approval and that Company's agents at Lake Superior rendered assistance  
to Houghton in carrying on his explorations. L.B.O. 14:  
269 9583
- Oct. 17 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Has collected draft. Re variation in exchange rates. L.B.O.  
14:270 9584
- Oct. 17 -- New York -- To Charles C. Stanard, Detroit  
Crooks has confidence in Stanard's ability to manage vessel  
on Lake Superior. L.B.O. 14:271 9585
- Oct. 19 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Returned from New York. Expects to go to Cleveland about  
fish transportation. Found on return that no fish had been sold;  
is sending another load to Cleveland; Captain Stanard leaves brig  
at Cleveland to go south with fish. Franchere moves to the Ohio.  
Abbott in Detroit while Brewster is in New York. 2p. 9586
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has received letters and Lampson's account of sales. L.B.O.  
14:272 9587
- Oct. 19 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Re misunderstanding about accounts. Will be pleased to ex-

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amine sample blankets. L.B.O. 14:273

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Oct. 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Is pleased that Lampson has sold additional raccoons and  
 foxes. Hopes business of beaver cutters will revive. L.B.O. 14:  
 274 9589

Oct. 19 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
 Has credited draft on account. Re probable price for mended  
 robes. L.B.O. 14:275 9590

Oct. 19 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
 Furey has found few skins in his district. G. W. Ewing has  
 turned Whig and enlisted 100,000 in fur business against Van  
 Buren [?]. The Company has reemployed very few men; Ewings have  
 hired remainder of former Company agents. Re buying policy. Has  
 put food in the woods for raccoons. Anxious to know results of  
 fall sales. Ohio gave 25,000 votes for Harrison; Whig gain of  
 23,000 since 1838. [Written on paper with copies of Harrison  
 medal and resolution of thanks passed by Congress in 1818.] 3p.  
 9591

Oct. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie  
 Crooks is to be credited with certain amount for insurance  
 on lead. One error in Crooks's account with him. Neglected to  
 enter charge of 1 percent commission for shipment of lead. Clapp  
 to write regarding Stooking's note. Requests Christian Macken-  
 zie's account be charged to his. Has asked Suydam, Sage & Co.  
 for certain sum owing to Mackenzie. 2p. 9592

Oct. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
 Re plans to make advance on tobacco to be shipped to New  
 Orleans. Wish Company's opinion of standing of Wildes, Pickers-  
 gill & Co. Tobacco trade from Missouri is increasing rapidly.  
 1p. 9593

Oct. 19 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Re draft sent by Company. Expect Philadelphia banks will  
 resume specie payment. 1p. 9594

Oct. 19 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
 Acknowledge receipt of letters. 1p. 9595

Oct. 20 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Has drawn draft. L.B.O. 14:276 9596

Oct. 20 -- New York -- To Madam Antoinette Hoeffern  
 Encloses letter and draft from Suppantchitsch. L.B.O. 14:  
 277 9597

Oct. 20 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
 Has credited payment on account. L.B.O. 14:278 9598

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- Oct. 20 -- New York -- To Suppantashitch, Trieste  
 Parcels for Piers reached Mackinac safely. Has remitted  
 draft and letter to Madam Moeffern. L.B.C. 14:279 9599
- Oct. 20 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
 Encloses bill of lading for shipment of furs and skins. Has  
 no inquiry for otters and muskrats. Discussion of prospects for  
 return of fur hats to fashion. Re skins still on hand. Has  
 shipped better quality deer skins. Re discrepancies in account  
 of sales. L.B.C. 14:281-283 9600
- Oct. 20 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
 Fur market there and difficulty of getting furs. 1p. 9601
- Oct. 20 -- St. Marys -- From John Wood  
 Details of trip from Lapointe to Skult at time of wreck of  
 schooner "Siskawit" on Isle Royal. Details conversation with  
 Scott and Captain Angus, and directions to Borup. Discussion  
 of entire situation. (Northern Outfit Miscellany). 4p. 9602
- Oct. 21 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Confirms Lampson's account of sales. L.B.C. 14:280 9603
- Oct. 21 -- New York -- To E. F. Pratte, Fredericktown, Missouri  
 Has received bill of lading for lead and has obtained insur-  
 ance. L.B.C. 14:284 9604
- Oct. 21 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Neuman  
 Draft enclosed. 1p. 9605
- Oct. 21 -- New Orleans -- From R. I. Lackland  
 Re bill of lading for lead shipped for Mullikin & Pratte.  
 1p. 9606
- Oct. 21 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.  
 Order for robes. Complain that last robes received are  
 poor. 1p. 9607
- Oct. 22 -- New York -- To Mrs. Scott, Hackensack, New Jersey  
 The Company will buy good wampum. L.B.C. 14:285 9608
- Oct. 22 -- New York -- To Mrs. Hill, Nyack, New Jersey  
 The Company will buy any wampum that Mrs. Hill has. L.B.C.  
 14:286 9609
- Oct. 22 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
 Details of report of Lampson's sale. L.B.C. 14:287 9610
- Oct. 22 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
 Demand for robes has not been brisk. Encloses report of  
 Lampson's sale. L.B.C. 14:288-289 9611

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- Oct. 22 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re order for tin plate. 1p. 9612
- Oct. 23 — New York — To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Annexes bill for robes shipped. L.B.C. 14:290 9613
- Oct. 23 — Albany — From J. & B. Knower  
Order 20 bales of upper Missouri buffalo robes. 1p. 9614
- Oct. 23 — New Orleans — From Merle & Co.  
Discussion of efforts to prevent robes being damaged by rats. Enclose bill of lading for lead and furs. 2p. 9615
- Oct. 24 — Lapointe — From Charles W. Borup  
Urges special attention to order for goods. To keep treaty money out of hands of opponents, it is necessary to get kettles, clocks, and silver works exactly as ordered. These are chief articles wanted by Indians. Details of difficulty in handling certificates of deposit and advances of goods on them. Indians are still at Lapointe, have plenty of goods and are not likely to hunt well. Annexes certificates of Deposit, dated December 16 & 20, 1839 at Lapointe, Lake Superior. (Northern Outfit Letters; 1840). 2p. 9616
- Oct. 24 — New Orleans — From J. A. Brand & Landry  
Encloses bill of lading for lead. 1p. 9617
- Oct. 24 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Has been to Cleveland arranging fish transportation. Preparing another cargo of fish. Reported that schooner Siskawit is lost on Isle Royal. 1p. 9618
- Oct. 24 — New York — To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Has shipped robes as directed. L.B.C. 14:291 9619
- Oct. 24 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Encloses statement of Lampson's account sales. Re discrepancy in report of raccoons. L.B.C. 14:292-294 9620
- Oct. 24 — New York — To John J. Taffe, Albany  
Encloses bill for muskrats. L.B.C. 14:295 9621
- Oct. 26 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Is preparing furs for shipment. L.B.C. 14:296 9622
- Oct. 26 — New York — To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Re box to be forwarded to Brewster. Discussion of damaged robes in recent shipment. L.B.C. 14:297 9623

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- Oct. 26 -- New York -- To Center & Son, New York  
Encloses statements of sales of furs in England. L.B.C. 14:  
298 9624
- Oct. 26 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Cutler  
Has received order. Will arrange with Henry & Co. about  
shipment. Desires cask of best apples. lp. 9625
- Oct. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Antoinette Hoeffern  
Re difficulties in having certain funds forwarded. lp. 9626
- Oct. 26 -- New York -- From Henry Stevens (Agent for A. & S.  
Henry & Co.)  
Notice of location of New York office. lp. 9628
- Oct. 27 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Cargo of fish nearly ready for the "Crooks". Schoolcraft's  
suggestions about half breed Menominee claims; he cannot pay now.  
Accounts are correct. Cannot deal with account against Canton  
till Canadian attorney is consulted. Re account with Grover and  
Hollister. Will consult Livingston about renting tavern at Sault  
lp. 9629
- Oct. 27 -- New York -- To Scott, Iten & Co., Fort Wayne  
Annexes memoranda of contents of shipment of furs. Re lack  
of market for otters and muskrats. L.B.C. 14:299-300 9630
- Oct. 27 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Has sent to London particulars about the death of Thomas  
Simpson. Re error in account. Details of Loubat's report on  
order for French blankets. L.B.C. 14:301-302 9631
- Oct. 27 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Encloses draft for account collected. L.B.C. 14:303 9632
- Oct. 27 -- New York -- To Chouteau & Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Has credited on account payment made by Suydam, Sage & Co.  
Re papers forwarded to Mackenzie. L.B.C. 14:304 9633
- Oct. 27 -- New York -- To Barnard, Adams & Co., Boston  
Details of Powell's draft. L.B.C. 14:305 9634
- Oct. 27 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Re error in charges on furs. Have forwarded furs received  
from Detroit. Have drawn draft on the Company. 2p. 9635
- Oct. 28 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Encloses order for rifles. Re kind of rifles wanted. L.B.C.  
14:306 9636



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- Oct. 28 — New York — To Bingham & Bros., Philadelphia  
Requests that boxes be forwarded to Franchere at Evansville.  
L.B.C. 14:307 9637
- Oct. 28 — New York — To Samuel O. Stambaugh, Philadelphia  
Is pleased that Secretary of War considers contract for sale  
of Faribault's island as still existing. Crooks will not pay  
Stambaugh any commission until funds are received from the govern-  
ment. L.B.C. 14:308 9638
- Oct. 28 — Logansport — From John Furey  
Has given drafts to the Company's agent, Julius Blinn of  
Perrysburg. lp. 9639
- Oct. 28 — Troy — From Lockwood & Co.  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. Lot of robes just  
received. lp. 9640
- Oct. 28 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Accounts are being examined. Re shipments of lead. lp. 9641
- Oct. 28 — St. Louis — From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Have received long expected accounts. Request sale of all  
skins as soon as possible. Wish accounts as soon after December  
31 as possible, in order to close all business. lp. 9642
- Oct. 28 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.  
Re drafts. lp. 9643
- Oct. 29 — Mackinac — From Samuel Abbott  
James has finished examination of books and leaves for New  
York, October 29. Prospects for winter business poor. List of  
papers given James; will ship swanskins and paddles soon. Value  
of goods sent Juneau and Lawe; expects money from them after  
Menominee payments. lp. (1841) 9644
- Oct. 29 — Boston — From Barnard, Adams & Co.  
Details arrangements for making remittance to the Company.  
lp. 9645
- Oct. 29 — New York — To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re directions to retire draft. Details regarding Ronaud's  
authority to draw funds. L.B.C. 14:309 9646
- Oct. 29 — New York — To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Packs from Detroit Department will close shipments for 1840.  
Requests statement of accounts for 1840. L.B.C. 14:310 9647
- Oct. 29 — To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Has credited remittance on account. L.B.C. 14:311 9648

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Oct. 29 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.

Will give attention to order received. Re plans for filling certain orders. Will send sample Mackinaw blankets to compare with the French article. Somewhat surprised to learn the progress being made by Americans in manufacturing blankets, but does not think they can successfully compete with English blankets. 2p.  
9649

Oct. 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Robins, Tinzley & Co.

Details arrangements for paying certain obligation. Request Company not to protest draft. 1p.  
9650

Oct. 29 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Will confirm credit for Henry firm and for Outler as usual.  
1p.  
9651

Oct. 30 -- Boston -- From Barnard, Adams & Co.

Enclose check to pay amount of Powell's acceptance. 1p.  
9652

Oct. 30 -- New York -- To Robins, Tinzley & Co., Philadelphia

Will not allow Powell's acceptance to be protested. L.B.C.  
14:312  
9653

Oct. 31 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster

Lampson failed to account for large lot of raccoons. The "Crooks" cargo of fish destined for Ohio market. No more fish till spring. Wishes account sales of fur shipments 1839. 1p.  
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Oct. 31 -- New York -- To William Chance, New York

Encloses order for guns to be made in England. Re terms of payment. L.B.C. 14:313  
9655

Oct. 31 -- New York -- To Stephen F. Nidelet, Philadelphia

Encloses draft as requested by Emanuel Pratte. L.B.C. 14:  
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9656

Oct. 31 -- New York -- To Robins, Tinzley & Co., Philadelphia

Encloses remittance for Powell's draft. L.B.C. 14:315  
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Oct. 31 -- New York -- To Barnard, Adams & Co., Boston

Has received check for Powell's draft. L.B.C. 14:316  
9658

Oct. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool

Re shipment of peltries to Lampson. Annexes list of drafts drawn. L.B.C. 14:317  
9659

Oct. 31 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London

Details of shipment of peltries. Has drawn drafts on Liverpool. Encloses letter to George Wildes. L.B.C. 14:318  
9660

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- Nov. 1 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Absence of Sibley on a hunt with the Sioux. Receipt of package to be forwarded to Finlayson. lp. 9661
- Nov. 1 -- Detroit -- From John Garland  
Expects to go to his regiment in Louisiana or Arkansas soon. Occupied now in settling old Indian account. The Lakes have been very boisterous and so are the politicians. Destined to have a change of administration and hopes for better times. lp. (1841) 9662
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To George Simpson, London  
Encloses letters from Chouteau and Sibley. Details of directions given for forwarding Thomas Simpson's effects. Re lack of market for fish. L.B.O. 14:319 9663
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses invoice for peltries shipped. Otters and muskrats are unsaleable. Discussion of decrease in collections of desirable furs, due to expansion of white settlements in Indian country. L.B.O. 14:320 9664
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To -- Suppantchitsch, Trieste  
Madam Hoeffern has received remittance. L.B.O. 14:321 9665
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Re draft drawn. Is anxious to have report of Leipzig fair. L.B.O. 14:322 9666
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Discussion of plan of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. to engage in shipping tobacco to Liverpool. Details of arrangements to be made. Re draft drawn. L.B.O. 14:323-324 9667
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To J. Pratte & Son, Pratte's Landing, Missouri  
Annexes account of sales of lead. Condition of lead market. Has remitted balance to Nidelet. L.B.O. 14:325 9668
- Nov. 2 -- New York -- To Fassitt & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses funds as directed by Emanuel Pratte. L.B.O. 14:326 9669
- Nov. 2 -- Fort Wayne -- From John Furey  
Thinks Ewing's agent offered price above his instructions for deer skins. lp. 9670
- Nov. 2 -- Fort Wayne -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Ewings are buying. Is going to Iowa where the Ewings trade. Proposed dealings with Dudley of New York at the end. Enclosed in no. 9866. lp. 9671

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- Nov. 2 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Has received order for rifles. Quotes prices on different  
patterns. lp. 9672
- Nov. 2 -- Edinburgh -- From Robert Laidlaw  
Acknowledges receipt of draft. lp. 9673
- Nov. 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Stephen F. Nidelet  
Has received draft and applied the amount to payment of  
another draft. lp. 9674
- Nov. 2 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Discussion of accounts. lp. 9675
- Nov. 3 -- New York -- To Stephen F. Nidelet, Philadelphia  
Will forward draft to Pratte. L.B.C. 14:327 9676
- Nov. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of certain draft not accepted. L.B.C. 14:328 9677
- Nov. 3 -- Philadelphia -- From James Fassitt & Co.  
Have received draft on account of Pratte & Son. Emanuel  
Pratte when in Philadelphia gave Fassitt's directions about net  
proceeds from sale of lead. Request advice thereon. lp. 9678
- Nov. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Bernard Pratte [Jr.]  
Re lead shipped by Lackland, and proceeds to be credited to  
Pratte. lp. 9679
- Nov. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Discussion of account. Re drafts. lp. 9680
- Nov. 3 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have protected drafts passed by the Company. lp. 9681
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To J. Pratte & Son, Pratte's Landing,  
Missouri  
Encloses draft sent by Nidelet and letter from Fassitt &  
Co. L.B.C. 14:329 9682
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To Daniel Lord, Jr., Present  
Discussion of rental of certain store room. L.B.C. 14:330  
9683
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To Fassitt & Co., Philadelphia  
Re proceeds of sale of Pratte's lead. L.B.C. 14:331 9684
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis  
Has received bill of lading for lead. Details of condition  
of lead market. Re accounts. L.B.C. 14:332-333 9685

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- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
The Company has addressed Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. about Chouteau's plan to ship tobacco. Will fill order for tin. Encloses abstract of account current. L.B.O. 14:334-335 9686
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie  
Encloses statement of account current. Details of commission charges. Re payment of Stocking's note. L.B.O. 14:336-337 9687
- Nov. 4 -- New York -- To William Kemble, Present  
Annexes order for powder to be forwarded via New Orleans in 1841. L.B.O. 14:338 9688
- Nov. 4 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have given attention to drafts as directed. lp. 9689
- Nov. 5 -- Boston -- From Bates & Son  
Enclose draft to be credited on account. lp. 9690
- Nov. 5 -- New York -- George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Re notices of protested draft. L.B.O. 14:339 9691
- Nov. 5 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Wishes information about filling order for beads and vermillion. L.B.O. 14:340 9692
- Nov. 5 -- New York -- To John Nesmith, Lowell, Mass.  
Encloses order for white blankets. Directions for shipment. L.B.O. 14:341 9693
- Nov. 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Stephen F. Nidelet  
Details of dividend paid Mrs. Nidelet by Company. Receipt will be forwarded to Pierre Chouteau, Jr. lp. 9694
- Nov. 6 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Is pleased that Henry will fill order for rifles. Re additional rifles that may be needed. L.B.O. 14:342 9695
- Nov. 7 -- Boston -- From Martin Bates & Son  
Enclose check to be credited on account. lp. 9696
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To William Chance, Present  
Details of order for guns. Re importance of quality of guns. L.B.O. 14:343 9697
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has not drawn any drafts. L.B.O. 14:344 9698
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Re letters received. L.B.O. 14:345 9699

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- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To John Furey, Logansport  
Details of drafts drawn by Furey. Prospects for furs and skins in Europe have not improved. Discussion of rivalry that may continue with Ewings. L.B.O. 14:346 9700
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for tin to be forwarded to St. Louis. Details of matter of collecting damage for peltries injured by rats on shipboard. L.B.O. 14:347-348 9701
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Has credited draft on account. L.B.O. 14:349 9702
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses invoice for tin. L.B.O. 14:350 9703
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has credited remittance on account. L.B.O. 14:351 9704
- Nov. 7 -- New York -- To J. J. Astor, Present  
Encloses joint muskrat account. Will make final settlement at Astor's convenience. L.B.O. 14:352 9705
- Nov. 7 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re accounts. Emissaries of Ewings are engaged in operations in all directions and promise to become quite formidable. Have request from Franchere for information about exchange, etc. Re shipment of skins. Request the Company to supply funds for Mrs. Daniel Lamont. Re drafts drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 2p. 9706
- Nov. 9 -- New York -- To Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
Has credited check on account. Desires to adjust account for robes. L.B.O. 14:353 9707
- Nov. 9 -- Prairie du Chien -- From Hercules L. Dousman  
Has received effects of the late Thomas Simpson and forwarded them to St. Louis. Re expenses. Encloses invoice of Simpson's articles. 1p. 9708
- Nov. 9 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Expects to get good skins at fair rates. 1p. 9709
- Nov. 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korokhaus  
Are unable to fill order for beads. Re price offered for vermillion. Have some guns still unsold. 1p. 9710
- Nov. 9 -- Milwaukee -- From Solomon Juneau  
Wishes to know whether the Company will employ him for the coming season. Peltries will be plentiful; fine prospects for hunting. Suggests several forms of contract he might make with the Company. Details of sum paid Abbott on Juneau's old debt.

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Recommends that the Company employ his son as clerk in Lake Superior region; son speaks several Indian languages. 3p. 9711

Nov. 9 -- Lachine -- From James Keith  
A friend of Keith's, Mr. Mourse, is going to England via New York. Will carry any papers, messages, etc., that the Company desires to send to Europe. 1p. 9712

Nov. 9 -- Philadelphia -- From Stephen F. Nidelet  
Request for arrangement of personal financial affairs. 1p. 9713

Nov. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re drafts drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p. 9714

Nov. 10 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Forwarding specie to New York to be credited to Northern Outfit. The "Crooks" arrived from Cleveland; cargo discharged. Hollisters have been at Detroit. 1p. 9715

Nov. 10 -- New York -- To -- Loisson, Pierry  
Dépression of business has diminished consumption of champagne. Details of popular brands of champagne and prevailing prices. Discussion of labels, care in shipping, etc. L.B.C. 14:354-356 9716

Nov. 10 -- New York -- To William Chance, Present  
Encloses duplicate order for guns. L.B.C. 14:357 9717

Nov. 10 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knowler, Albany  
Annexes bill for robes. Re kinds of robes remaining on hand. L.B.C. 14:359 9718

Nov. 10 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Regrets that beads cannot be obtained. Will take vermillion. L.B.C. 14:360 9719

Nov. 10 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re vessels detained by storms. L.B.C. 14:361 9720

Nov. 10 -- New York -- To George Simpson  
Rivals in Lake Superior business have not realized their dreams. Hopes Borup's action will prove effective against competition. Discussion of other rivals. Is pleased that Hudson's Bay Company's fur ship arrived safely. Expects some revival of business in 1841. L.B.C. 14:362-363 9721

Nov. 10 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Expects general improvement in business in 1841. Is pleased that prospects are favorable for raccoons. Discussion of plans to sell inferior skins. Discussion of market conditions. Re sale of Ewings' muskrats by Suydam, Sage & Co. L.B.C. 14:364-366 9722

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- Nov. 11 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay  
Re enclosed directions about certain property. Requests  
account for 1840. L.B.C. 14:367 9723
- Nov. 11 -- New York -- To John Furey, Logansport  
Has accepted draft. Ewings should be allowed all peltries  
at extravagant rates. Furey should follow Brewster's instructions  
explicitly. L.B.C. 14:368 9724
- Nov. 11 -- New York -- To Stephen F. Nidelet, Philadelphia  
Encloses draft for funds due Nidelet from estate of Pratte.  
L.B.C. 14:369 9725
- Leeds --
- Nov. 11 -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Enclose invoice for goods. Re improvements in thread. Dis-  
cussion of manufacture of blankets and efforts to fill orders  
satisfactorily. Dyers have given notice of advance in price of  
dyeing indigo blue goods. 3p. (1841) 9726
- Nov. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie  
Several drafts collectable. 1p. - 9727
- Nov. 11 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re shipment of lead via New Orleans; this completes lead  
operations. Re drafts drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Sanford  
is leaving for the east. 1p. 9728
- Nov. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korokhauss  
Details of prices and terms at which vermilion will be sold.  
1p. 9729
- Nov. 12 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Millman's collection shipped, although settlement has not  
been made. 1p. 9730
- Nov. 12 -- Albany -- From J. & B. Knower  
Upper Missouri robes very inferior. Order three packs  
painted skins, five packs soiled robes, two packs of calf robes  
and one pack mended robes. 1p. 9731
- Nov. 12 -- Philadelphia -- From Stephen F. Nidelet  
Draft received and paid. 1p. 9732
- Nov. 13 -- New York -- To J. & B. Knower, Albany  
Has shipped robes. Regrets that upper Missouri robes are  
inferior quality. L.B.C. 14:371 9733
- Nov. 13 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korokhauss, Philadelphia  
Encloses order for vermilion. L.B.C. 14:372 9734



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- Nov. 13 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Details packages forwarded. Will forward account soon.  
Discussion of shipment of furs in bad order. 2p. 9735
- Nov. 13 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for goods shipped by Henry & Co.  
Details stringent discount rules of Bank of England. Money cannot  
be had much under 6 per cent. If this condition continues,  
Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. will have to charge Company 6 per cent.  
2p. 9736
- Nov. 14 -- New York -- George Ehninger to William Brewster,  
Detroit  
Requests copy of minutes of certain meeting of the Company's  
directors. L.B.C. 14:370 9737
- Nov. 14 -- New York -- Lamont to Frances E. Phelos and William  
B. Stone  
Encloses statement of account current with late David Stone.  
Requests payment of balance due the Company. L.B.C. 14:373 9738
- Nov. 14 -- New York -- Duncan Lamont to Martin Bates & Son  
Encloses bill for robes. Re error in previous bill. L.B.C.  
14:374 9739
- Nov. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhaus  
Annex bill for vermilion. Re orders for beads. 1p. 9740
- Nov. 14 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Request price of beaver. Enclose notes to be collected.  
1p. 9741
- Nov. 15 -- New York -- To Barnard, Adams & Co., Boston  
Re Powell's note. L.B.C. 14:416 9742
- Nov. 16 -- Lapointe -- From Charles W. Borup  
Is obliged to send ammunition to Folle avoine post as im-  
provident Indians have none. Has begun annual inventory. Encloses  
profit and loss balance sheet. Re directions for settlement with  
Aitken. Discussion of accounts. Oakes fears Aitken will get con-  
siderable furs. Suspects Aitken has liquor. 3p. (Northern Out-  
fit Letters, 1840.) 9743
- Nov. 16 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Franchere has bought few skins and has difficulty getting  
funds. Criticism of Abbott and his agents buying raccoons at  
high prices; will not compete with him. 1p. 9744
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Details items in packing account. Will give attention to  
lead. L.B.C. 14:375 9745

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- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Will try to sell old remnants of robes. Re Bates report on robes purchased in St. Louis. L.B.O. 14:376 9746
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To Bernard Pratte, [Jr.], St. Louis  
Re shipment of lead. L.B.O. 14:377 9747
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has received invoice for vermillion. Expects orders for beads to be filled at required time. L.B.O. 14:378 9748
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- To N. P. Wells, Johnstown  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.O. 14:379 9749
- Nov. 16 -- New York -- George Enhinger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Has received notes to be collected. Details of drafts. L.B.O. 14:380 9750
- Nov. 16 -- Lapointe -- James McKay to William Brewster  
Details of errors made in Borup's estimate of profits. Will bare waste in January letter. Enclosed in no. 10,086. 3p. 9751
- Nov. 16 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau & Co.  
Abstract of accounts is correct. Details of fire insurance policies. Desire insurance on new warehouses; enclose copy of survey of premises. Ware house and fur store are considered the best buildings in St. Louis. Re instructions given Siter, Price & Co. about insurance policies. 2p. 9752
- Nov. 17 -- Lapointe -- James McKay to William Brewster  
Change made by Borup in financial statement. Imputes Borup's false statements to desire to prevent investigation. Enclosed in no. 10,086. 1p. 9753
- Nov. 17 -- Evansville -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster  
Re invoice of fish. Difficulty in cashing drafts at St. Louis. Purchases of furs are light. Enclosed in no. 9866. 2p. 9754
- Nov. 17 -- Logansport -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Ewings paying lower prices. Furey is going to Indianapolis and Illinois. Enclosed in no. 9866. 2p. 9755
- Nov. 17 -- Logansport -- From John Furey  
Notification of drafts drawn. 1p. 9756
- Nov. 17 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of drafts. 1p. 9757

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- Nov. 18 -- New York -- To Holt, Palmer & Co., Buffalo  
Discussion of unsettled account. L.B.O. 14:381 9758
- Nov. 18 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Encloses letter for Holt, Palmer & Co. Desires Parsons to  
make settlement with Holt, Palmer & Co. L.B.O. 14:382 9759
- Nov. 18 -- Winslow, Indiana -- From G. W. Dean  
Wishes to know prices of furs. Would like to sell his col-  
lection to the Company. lp. 9760
- Nov. 18 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Encloses check to be credited on his account. Asks pros-  
pects for sale of furs. lp. 9761
- Nov. 18 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Enclose invoice for goods forwarded to Wildes, Pickersgill  
& Co. to be shipped to the Company. lp. (1841) 9762
- Nov. 18 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Request the Company to secure insurance on property. Order  
supply of blank bills of exchange. Details of drafts drawn by  
Pratte, Chouteau & Co. lp. 9763
- Nov. 19 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Has drawn draft. L.B.O. 14:383 9764
- Nov. 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampsen, London  
Annexes memoranda of skins likely to be shipped. Has drawn  
draft on Liverpool. L.B.O. 14:384-385 9765
- Nov. 19 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte  
Re sale of lead. L.B.O. 14:386 9766
- Nov. 19 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Has received packing account. Is grateful for attention to  
Franchere's inquiries. Details of accounts and drafts. Has  
sold lead. L.B.O. 14:387-388 9767
- Nov. 19 -- New York -- To E. F. Pratte, Fredericktown, Missouri  
Has received bill of lading for lead, which is already sold.  
Re drafts accepted. L.B.O. 14:389-390 9768
- Nov. 19 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Paid certain drafts. Robes are too light. Will not order  
more. lp. 9769
- Nov. 20 -- New York -- To J. B. Mayrand, Fort Winnebago  
Encloses account current to close of 1839. L.B.O. 14:391 9770

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- Nov. 20 -- New York -- To Joseph Archer, Huron County, Ohio  
Details of funds that Archer should pay the Company. L.B.O. 14:392 9771
- Nov. 20 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Details of drafts and accounts. Expects results of Lampson's sale to be favorable. Loubat assures delivery of French blankets according to agreement. L.B.O. 14:393 9772
- Nov. 20 -- Sheffield -- From Hiram Cutler  
Encloses invoices for goods forwarded to Liverpool Has given special attention to flints. lp. 9773
- Nov. 20 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Fish received from Brewster. Skins come in slowly, but good supply of raccoons expected. lp. 9774
- Nov. 20 -- College Point -- From John Spotswood Garland  
Has received clothes sent by Crooks. Will write to his father about dropping Latin and Greek and studying Mathematics and French, as latter are most required at West Point. Asks for \$5. lp. 9775
- Nov. 20 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Saw Crooks's letters and London sales accounts when in Detroit first of the month. Peddlers offering high prices. Ewings centering their forces in his district. Will be fewer deer and raccoons. Is restricting territory and refusing to pay prices of last season. 2p. 9776
- Nov. 20 -- New Orleans -- From R. I. Lackland  
Re bill of lading for lead shipped on account of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. lp. 9777
- Nov. 20 -- Troy -- From Lockwood & Co.  
Enclose draft to be credited to their account. lp. 9778
- Nov. 20 -- New Madrid -- Waters & Allen to the Company  
Wish to make agreement with the Company to take furs and skins. Details of prices prevailing. 2p. 9779
- Nov. 21 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Discussion of forwarding Hudson's Bay Company's dispatches. Regrets non-payment of Indian annuities by government. Details regarding non-payment of certain certificates for claims. Encloses account current to close of 1839, and abstracts of accounts for 1840. Details of items in accounts. Re Rolette's debt to the Company. Funds of the Outfit should not be used for private enterprises. Desire of the Company to discontinue business in Western Outfit region. Suggests arrangements be made between Western Outfit and Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. Annexes memoranda of enclosed papers. L.B.O. 14:394-399 9780

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- Nov. 21 -- Indianapolis -- John Furey to William Brewster  
Re drafts for funds for agents. Logansport is trying to collect tax on skins. Furey is going to Danville, Illinois. Enclosed in no. 9866. lp. 9781
- Nov. 21 -- Indianapolis -- From John Furey  
Will buy furs only at reasonable prices. Details policy regarding agents and their method of buying. More profitable to get drafts of merchants. Ewings are paying lower prices. 2p. 9782
- Nov. 21 -- Hartford -- Ezra S. Hamilton to the Company  
Order for robes. lp. 9783
- Nov. 22 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Details of furs and skins forwarded. Re bales damaged by rats. lp. 9784
- Nov. 23 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Complains of irregular mail service. Hopes terms will be made with W. G. Ewing; warns to show no anxiety. Books may not be ready by first of the new year. lp. 9785
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 14:400 9786
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy  
Has credited draft on account. L.B.C. 14:401 9787
- Nov. 23 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Has credited remittance on account. Prospects for shipping, except red fox and mink, are good. Advises that prices be brought down to a fair level. L.B.C. 14:402-403 9788
- Nov. 23 -- Portland -- Byron Greenough to the Company  
Order for robes of several kinds. lp. 9789
- Nov. 23 -- Leeds -- From A. & S. Henry & Co.  
Enclose invoice for merchandise forwarded. Re prices paid for certain goods. lp. (1841) 9790
- Nov. 23 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for skins and furs. lp. 9791
- Nov. 23 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details of certain draft. May have to sell beaver in New York. lp. 9792
- Nov. 24 -- London -- From Charles Burgett & Co.  
Have sent package of newspapers and prints to be forwarded to Antoinette Hoeffern. Re directions about cost. lp. 9793

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- Nov. 24 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Regrets that Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
cannot sell more robes. L.B.C. 14:404 9794
- Nov. 24 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. Re prospects for sale of beaver.  
L.B.C. 14:405 9795
- Nov. 24 -- New York -- To Hiram Cutler, Sheffield  
Has shipped apples, as requested. L.B.C. 14:406 9796
- Nov. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Robes retained at St. Louis have sold remarkably well. Con-  
sumption of robes in region west of the mountains is evidently  
increasing very much. lp. 9797
- Nov. 24 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading. lp. (1841) 9798
- Nov. 25 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Directions about apples for Mrs. Lamont and Cutler. L.B.C.  
14:407-408 9799
- Nov. 25 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Will be pleased to compare sample mackinaw blankets with  
French blankets. Has no report from interior about contract for  
blankets. Samples of American blankets indicate that manufacture  
is pretty well understood. Discussion of American woolen busi-  
ness. Desires that entire order be sent in one shipment. L.B.C.  
14:409-410 9800
- Nov. 25 -- New York -- To Loisson, Pierry, France  
Re sale of some wine. L.B.C. 14:411 9801
- Nov. 25 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Has received marked catalog of deer skin sales. Decline in  
prices was more moderate than the Company expected. Directions  
to return inferior deer skins. Expects revival of business in  
1841. Prospects in the fur country. Re activities of rivals.  
The Company has no desire to pursue a course leading to eventual  
ruin. Re sale of Rocky Mountain beaver. Details of damaged deer  
skins. Re sale of some muskrats for caps. L.B.C. 14:412-415 9802
- Nov. 25 -- New York -- To Ezra S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Has shipped Missouri robes. Cannot supply Sioux robes.  
L.B.C. 14:417 9803
- Nov. 25 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Is pleased that fish have been shipped into Ohio. The Com-  
pany cannot control fish market when so many competitors engage

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in fishing. Approves Brewster's instructions to agents. Discussion of James Abbott's demonstration. Details of non-payment of Menominee claims. Does not expect pay while Van Buren is in office. Re accounts. Has received specie from Northern Outfit. Warren should not be allowed credit by Northern Outfit. Discusses change in situation. Requests sale of robes belonging to Chouteau firm. Gives Lampson's opinion of deer skin market. Encloses note to be collected. Re sale of some muskrats. Annexes memoranda of papers enclosed. L.B.O. 14: 416-423 9804

Nov. 25 -- New York -- To Master John Spotswood Garland, College Point

Re permission to visit New York if Muhlenberg consents. Crooks has no authority in the matter of a course of study. L.B.O. 14:424 9805

Nov. 25 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.

Have delivered letter to Hunter, Palmer & Co., and Palmer has explained account. Palmer will furnish copy of account to be sent to Crooks. Re skins and furs forwarded. 2p. 9806

Nov. 25 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Details of drafts. Have sold beaver in Philadelphia. 1p. 9807

Nov. 26 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Details of beaver market. L.B.O. 14:425 9808

Nov. 26 -- New York -- To Mullikin & Pratte, St. Louis

Details cancellation of sale of lead, due to inferior grade. L.B.O. 14:426 9809

Nov. 26 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Will give attention to lead. Details of accounts. Discussion of report of Lampson's sale, and Lampson's opinion of safe prices to be paid for deer skins. Encloses report of Leipsic fair. L.B.O. 14: 427-428 9810

Nov. 26 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland

Cannot fill order for robes. Re kinds of robes onhand. L.B.O. 14:429 9811

Nov. 26 -- Vincennes -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster

Six hundred barrels of fish have arrived; re sales. Re prices paid in his operations. Operations of Spafford and Spink on Wabash. Has sent I. N. Larrabee to Ohio river towns to remote for Spafford and Spink to visit. Returns to Evansville, November 27. Enclosed in no. 9957. 2p. (1841) 9812

Nov. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Re order for goods to be purchased in New York. Enclose letter for Thomas Palmer; request remittance be made to him. Boat grounded at the rapids contains box of effects of late Thomas Simpson. 1p. 9813

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Nov. 26 -- Montreal -- From Vallée, Boyer & Co.

Payments of drafts. Request account current. Remarks about collecting notes due from John White. lp. 9814

Nov. 27 -- Boston -- From Barnard, Adams & Co.

Re arrangements to raise funds for Powell's acceptance due December 1. lp. 9815

Nov. 27 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis

Annexes list of all skins belonging to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Will offer robes at public auction. Details of inferior quality of robes. Has directed Brewster to sell robes at Detroit. L.B.C. 14:430 9816

Nov. 27 -- New York -- To Lockwood & Co., Troy

Has shipped robes. Directions concerning a shipment of robes to be sold on commission. L.B.C. 14:431 9817

Nov. 27 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.

Chouteaus have requested renewal of insurance on merchandise and furs. Discussion of insurance arrangements. lp. 9818

Nov. 27 -- Johnstown -- From N. P. Wells (Cashier)

Encloses check for note collected. lp. 9819

Nov. 28 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co.

Details fire insurance arrangements. Requests copy of Philadelphia policies. Re drafts. L.B.C. 14:432-434 9820

Nov. 28 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.

Arrangements for insurance. Re demands of insurance companies. Has advised Siter, Price & Co. of insurance affairs. Annexes statement of sales of beaver and deer skins. L.B.C. 14:435-437 9821

Nov. 28 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Encloses check for balance in settlement with Suydam, Sage & Co. Annexes statement of accounts. L.B.C. 14:438-439 9822

Nov. 28 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korokhauss, Philadelphia

Desires information about filling order for beads. L.B.C. 14:440 9823

Nov. 28 -- Perrysburgh -- From John Hollister

B. F. Hollister in southern and western part of the district Can buy few skins as small buyers are keeping prices up; many buyers. lp. 9824



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- Nov. 28 — Vincennes — James M. Spafford to William Brewster  
Desires promised instructions about prices. Operations will be restricted on account of funds. Has found that skins can be got at fair price by giving reputable men small sum to operate with; prices; wishes instructions. Fish have arrived. Enclosed in no. 9957. 2p. (1841) 9825
- Nov. 29 — Perrysburg — John Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of bills drawn and funds used by B. Hollister. Distribution of agents and salaries. Enclosed in no. 9866. 2p. 9826
- Nov. 29 — College Point — From John Spotswood Garland  
Re arrangements about funds for Garland's expenses. 1p. 9827
- Nov. 30 — Boston — From Barnard, Adams & Co.  
Enclose check for \$7000 for Powell's acceptance. 1p. 9828
- Nov. 30 — New York — To Captain John Wood, Sault Ste. Marie  
Crooks condemns Wood's action at Isle Royale in 1839 and confirms notice given by Borup and Livingston discharging Wood from the Company's employ. L.B.C. 14:441 9829
- Nov. 30 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of guns ordered from Chance, Son & Co. at Birmingham. Re terms of payment. L.B.C. 14:442-443 9830
- Nov. 30 — New York — To A. & C. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Has not received any letters from Henry. L.B.C. 14:444 9831
- Nov. 30 — New York — George Ehninger to Orr M. Towne, Boston  
The Company will have a public sale of robes. L.B.C. 14:445 9832
- Nov. 30 — New York — George Ehninger to Boyd & Son, Boston  
The Company will have a public sale of robes. L.B.C. 14:446 9833
- Nov. 30 — New York — George Ehninger to Martin Bates & Son, Boston  
The Company will have a public sale of robes. L.B.C. 14:447 9834
- Nov. 30 — New York — To G. M. Lampson, London  
Concerning muskrats that have been sold. Unsold beaver and other furs will be shipped to London. Annexes statement of beaver sold. L.B.C. 14:448-449 9835

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- Nov. 30 — New York — To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. The Company will have a public sale  
of robes. L.B.C. 14:450-451 9836
- Nov. 30 — New York — To George Simpson, London  
Encloses copy of letter from Prairie du Chien concerning  
effects of Thomas Simpson. Dispatches for Finlayson have been  
forwarded from Prairie du Chien. Hourse has sailed for England.  
L.B.C. 14:452 9837
- Nov. 30 — New York-George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co.,  
Philadelphia  
Details of accounts. L.B.C. 14:452 1/2 9838
- Nov. 30 — Philadelphia — From Geisse & Korckhaus  
Have filled entire order for beads in Trieste. 1p. 9839
- Nov. 30 — Portland — From Byron Greenough  
Regrets that the Company has no robes of kinds ordered.  
Prefers Sioux robes. Directions for shipping certain robes. 1p.  
9840
- Nov. 30 — Fort Brady — From Alexander J. Johnston  
Great difficulty in getting right kind of money. Requests  
Crooks assistance in forwarding money to publishers of paper  
taken for the use of the garrison. Details order of papers. No  
mail for five weeks and no prospects of any soon. Is anxious to  
know about presidential election. 1p. (1841) 9841
- Nov. 30 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.  
Will forward insurance policies. Re certain draft. 1p.  
9842
- Nov. 30 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
Details of White's notes. 1p. 9843
- Dec. 1 — New York — To William A. Muhlenberg, College Point  
The Company will make required payments for Garland's son.  
L.B.C. 14:453 9844
- Dec. 1 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of draft from the Company. Annex  
copies of insurance agreements made for Chouteaus. 1p. 9845
- Dec. 2 — New York — To Robins, Tinzley & Co., Philadelphia  
Encloses Powell's note which has been paid. L.B.C. 14:454  
9846
- Dec. 2 — New York — To Barnard, Adams & Co., Boston  
Details of payment of Powell's acceptance. L.B.C. 14:455  
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- Dec. 2 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
 Opinion of insurance officials about Philadelphia policies.  
 L.B.C. 14:456-457 9848
- Dec. 2 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
 Benjamin Hollister arranged for agent at Piqua. Few skins  
 purchased; high prices. Enclosed in no. 9866. 2p. 9849
- Dec. 2 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
 Benjamin F. Hollister has returned; hired G. C. Johnston of  
 Piqua as Company buyer. 1p. 9850
- Dec. 3 -- New York -- George Ehninger to John F. Hoff  
 Hoff's account with the Company must be settled. L.B.C. 14:  
 458 9851
- Dec. 3 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
 Encloses account sales of lead and abstract of account cur-  
 rent. Dousman has sent effects of the late Thomas Simpson to St.  
 Louis. Requests that these be forwarded promptly. Has invited  
 Sanford to attend the public sale of robes. L.B.C. 14:459-460  
 9852
- Dec. 3 -- Logansport -- From John Furey  
 Has returned from Illinois. Joseph E. Smith is a trust-  
 worthy buyer. Financial arrangements; times are very hard. Col-  
 lectors expect last year's prices. No statement by Ewings is be-  
 lieved. Prospects for furs in Indiana are good. 3p. (1841)  
 9853
- Dec. 3 -- Logansport -- John Furey to William Brewster  
 Details operations of sub-agents. Ewings not offering much  
 competition. Enclosed in no. 9957. 1p. (1841) 9854
- Dec. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
 Details of Powell's bills. 1p. 9855
- Dec. 3 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
 Re error in packing account. Wish account sales of lead  
 and report of prospects in lead market. Re order for bookkeeping  
 supplies. Are pleased with progress of sales by Company. Have  
 received part of Mandan robes. Season is favorable for sale of  
 robes. 2p. 9856
- Dec. 3 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Discussion of proposals about insurance for Chouteaus. 1p.  
 9857
- Dec. 3 -- Cincinnati -- Benjamin Stanard to William Brewster  
 Re sales of fish sent. Desires instructions as to when he  
 shall return. Enclosed in no. 9957. 1p. (1841) 9858

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Dec. 3 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.

Discuss proposal of Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. to ship tobacco to Liverpool via New Orleans. Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. advise shipping more to London than to Liverpool. Detailed advice from brokers on market demands. Enclose copy of account sales from Lampson. Have forwarded goods from Henry & Co. and Cutler. 3p. 9859

Dec. 4 — Birmingham — From W. Chance, Son & Co.

Have received order and will fill it according to instructions. 1p. (1841) 9860

Dec. 4 — New York — To William A. Muhlenberg, College Point

Encloses check in payment of young Garland's school expenses. L.B.C. 14:461 9861

Dec. 4 — New York — George Ehninger to Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia

Has noted opinion in insurance arrangements. Details of accounts. L.B.C. 14:462 9862

Dec. 4 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Encloses copy of communication from Siter, Price & Co. about insurance. Advises that policies be uniform. L.B.C. 14:463 9863

Dec. 4 — Troy — From David Ellis

Encloses draft in payment of account. Has received robes. 1p. 9864

Dec. 4 — Logansport — From John Furey

Drew drafts to benefit by cheap specie. Indiana banks issue no bills under five dollars. 1p. 9865

Dec. 5 — Detroit — From William Brewster

Regrets the Company did not make permanent arrangement with Ewings; improbable that Department agreement with Ewings to keep prices down would be advantageous. Oliver Newberry has skins going by land. Encloses nos. 9671, 9754, 9755, 9826, and 9849. 1p. 9866

Dec. 5 — New York — To Byron Greenough, Portland

Details shipment of robes. Re kind of robes on hand. L.B.C. 14:464 9867

Dec. 5 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis

Has assurance that goods will be delivered at required time. Re beads not available. Is pleased that robes sell well at St. Louis. L.B.C. 14:465 9868

Dec. 5 — London — From G. M. Lampson

Details sale of Missouri and Western beaver, and stock of beaver remaining on hand. Beaver has arrived in better condition

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- than previously. Details damaged deer skins. 2p. (1841) 9869
- Dec. 5 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re shipment of deer skins via New Orleans. Re draft. 1p.  
9870
- Dec. 5 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of draft. 1p. 9871
- Dec. 7 -- New York -- To Byron Greenough, Portland  
Annexes bill of lading for robes. L.B.C. 14:466 9872
- Dec. 7 -- Evansville -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster  
Details of Spafford's operations; he says deposits on col-  
lections are necessary. Details competition from small buyers;  
details of his operations. Re fish sales. Has rented warehouse.  
Enclosed in no. 9957. 2p. (1841) 9873
- Dec. 7 -- Evansville, Indiana -- From Gabriel Franchere  
Good supply of raccoons, few deer skins. Recent trip to  
Vincennes to sell fish. 1p. 9874
- Dec. 7 -- Green Bay -- From William Mitchell  
Re higher rates of transportation on goods than was expec-  
ted. Re plans to settle account with Brewster. 1p. 9875
- Dec. 7 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Acknowledge receipt of letter and draft. 1p. (1841) 9876
- Dec. 8 -- Jasper, Illinois -- John Ayd to the Company  
Wishes to sell furs to the Company. 1p. 9877
- Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Details of drafts drawn. L.B.C. 14:467 9878
- Dec. 8 -- New York -- To David Ellis, Troy  
Has credited check on account. L.B.C. 14:468 9879
- Dec. 8 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Discussion of stock on hand. Re efforts to sell muskrats.  
Will ship only best of deer skins. Details of sale of beaver.  
Annexes memoranda of sales, shipments, etc. L.B.C. 15:1-3 9880
- Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Joseph Child, Present  
Encloses order for sample guns. Every gun should be per-  
fect. L.B.C. 15:4 9881
- Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Details of accounts. Hopes certain collections can be  
made. L.B.C. 15:5-6 9882

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- Dec. 8 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Sale of robes exceeded Company's expectations. L.B.C. 15:  
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- Dec. 8 -- College Point, New York -- From William A. Muhlenberg  
Acknowledges receipt of check on account of John Garland.  
lp. 9884
- Dec. 8 -- Buffalo -- From Peter L. Parsons & Co.  
Have account from Hunter, Palmer & Co. ready to transmit  
to the Company. Are unable to understand account. lp. 9885
- Dec. 9 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co., St. Louis  
Discussion of public sale of robes. Encloses marked cata-  
log of sale. Details sale of muskrats. L.B.C. 15:8 9886
- Dec. 9 -- New York -- To Ezra S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Will forward robes as directed. Annexes bill. L.B.C. 15:  
9 9887
- Dec. 9 -- New York -- To E. F. Pratte, Fredericktown, Missouri  
Encloses account of sales of lead. Re condition of lead  
market. L.B.C. 15:11 9888
- Dec. 9 -- New York -- From Gaillard & Emburg  
Annex memorandum of blankets arrived from France. lp. 9889
- Dec. 9 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Details shipment of lead. Regret decline in deer skins, as  
reported by Lampson. Will endeavor to lower prices being paid  
for deer skins. Approve Company's decision to sell beaver in  
New York. Details of quality of beaver. Re instructions about  
insurance. Are needing account sales. 2p. 9890
- Dec. 9 -- Fredericktown, Missouri -- From J. Pratte & Son  
Discussion of non-shipment of lead due to low water in the  
Mississippi. lp. 9891
- Dec. 10 -- New York -- To Waters & Allen, New Madrid, Missouri  
The Company has never received skins from New Madrid region.  
Considers prices mentioned too high. Expects competition to  
drive prices higher. L.B.C. 15:12 9892
- Dec. 10 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhaus, Philadelphia  
Is pleased that beads may arrive in time. Re other articles  
needed. L.B.C. 15:13 9893
- Dec. 10 -- New York -- To Thomas Palmer, Gloucestershire  
Enclose bill of exchange as requested by P. Chouteau, Jr.  
& Co. L.B.C. 15:14 9894

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Dec. 10 — New York — To C. M. Lampson, London

Encloses invoice for furs shipped. Discussion of assortment of furs. The Company is anxious to sell otters and other skins. Discussion of market conditions for otters. Requests that poor deer skins be returned in several shipments. Has drawn draft on Liverpool L.B.C. 15:16-18 9895

Dec. 10 — Indianapolis — John Furey to William Brewster

Not buying at losing prices to keep furs from Ewings. Swindlers and speculators in furs abroad. Details of operations; operations of sub-agents. Going to Ottawa, Illinois. Enclosed in no. 9968. lp. (1841) 9896

Dec. 10 — Indianapolis — From John Furey

Ewings are paying higher prices. Raccoons are more plentiful than in 1840. Thinks he can get as many skins as wanted at fair prices. lp. (1841) 9897

Dec. 10 — Portsmouth — Benjamin A. Stanard to William Brewster

Sales of fish better than at Cincinnati; iron works and furnaces supply demand. Enclosed in no. 9957. lp. (1841) 9898

Dec. 11 — Boston — From Martin Bates &amp; Son

Enclose draft; re directions for proceeds. lp. 9899

Dec. 11 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill &amp; Co., Liverpool

Details of funds to be paid certain persons. L.B.C. 15:15 9900

Dec. 11 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. &amp; Co., St. Louis

Has made remittance to Thomas Palmer, as directed. Has advised Pratte, Chouteau & Co. of result of public sale of robes. Encloses account of sales of lead. Sanford has reached New York. Details of sales of beaver. L.B.C. 15:20-22 9901

Dec. 11 — Philadelphia — From Geisse &amp; Korckhaus

Are unable to fill order for brown garnets. lp. 9902

Dec. 11 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. &amp; Co.

Re order for silver ear rings and brooches. lp. 9903

Dec. 11 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. &amp; Co.

Re directions to Davenport about effects of late Thomas Simpson. Discussion of account with Ronaud. Re drafts. lp. 9904

Dec. 11 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price &amp; Co.

Re certain draft to be collected. lp. 9905

Dec. 12 — New York — To Martin Bates &amp; Son, Boston

Encloses bill of lading for robes shipped and accounts. L.B.C. 15:23-24 9906

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- Dec. 12 -- New York -- To Charles de Montholon, Washington  
Has forwarded robes, as requested by Sanford. Crooks has  
delivered check to Gratiot. L.B.C. 15:25 9907
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Discussion of certain draft. L.B.C. 15:26 9908
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- To John Ross, Branch State Bank of Indiana  
Discussion of Franchere's draft which appears not to be gen-  
uine. L.B.C. 15:27 9909
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Evansville  
Discussion of Franchere's drafts and suspicions of the Com-  
pany that certain draft is forged. The Company should be advised  
of every bill drawn. Requests that fish trade be increased. Skir  
should not be bought at extravagant rates. L.B.C. 15:28-29 9910
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
Is grateful for attention to account of Hunter, Palmer &  
Co. Directions in the matter of certain account. Hollister's  
furs and skins have arrived in damaged condition. Advises that  
packs be examined before being shipped. Parsons' management of  
the Company's business has been satisfactory. L.B.C. 15:30-31 9911
- Dec. 12 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburgh  
Will follow directions about Millman's returns. Discussion  
of importance of notifying the Company of all drafts drawn. Is  
pleased that Hollister employs fewer agents. Relations between  
Company and Ewings remain unchanged. Expects Ewings to pursue  
reckless policy in buying skins. The Company desires to buy only  
skins that will pay a fair profit. Re decline of prices in Lon-  
don. Does not advise buying early in the season. L.B.C. 15:  
32-34 9912
- Dec. 12 -- Perrysburg -- John Hollister to William Brewster  
Details of \$1300 worth of furs bought of Millman. Agents  
say collectors will not sell at Company's prices. George Hol-  
lister could furnish Company with pork, etc. Difficulty in ob-  
taining money. Enclosed in no. 9957. 2p. (1841) 9913
- Dec. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Kenneth Mackenzie  
Letter of introduction for Rhodes who is to buy goods for  
Mackenzie in New York. Requests Rhode's drafts to certain am-  
ount be accepted. 1p. 9914
- Dec. 12 -- St. Louis -- From Mullikin & Pratte  
Wishes Crooks to attend to lead at New Orleans. 1p. (1841)  
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- Dec. 13 — Peru, Indiana — From George W. Ewing  
 Regrets that W. G. Ewing's proposition for a joint account skin business has not been acceded to by the Company. Hunters will profit by getting Company's agents and Ewing's agents at war. Ewings have instructed their agents positively about prices, but if Company buyers pay more, then Ewing agents are to pay same as the Company, no matter what it is. Will not raise prices or pay extravagant prices unless forced to do so by the Company agents. Ewing does not want competition. Hopes Company will advise their agents about prices. Ewings do not want more than one-third of skins. Discussion of losses from competition. Urges Crooks to coöperate about prices. 3p. 9916
- Dec. 14 — New York — To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
 Encloses duplicate of previous letter. L.B.C. 15:35 9917
- Dec. 14 — New York — To Thomas Palmer, Gloucestershire  
 Encloses second bill of exchange. L.B.C. 15:36 9918
- Dec. 14 — New York — To O. M. Lampson, London  
 Encloses duplicate invoices and bill of lading. L.B.C. 15:37 9919
- Dec. 14 — New York — To E. F. Pratte & Co., Fredericktown, Missouri  
 Encloses copy of previous letter. L.B.C. 15:38 9920
- Dec. 14 — Boulton — From James Henry  
 Re shipment of rifles. Will complete order later. Asks for note in payment. 1p. 9921
- Dec. 14 — Albany — From H. Niles & Co.  
 Re financial matters between these firms. 1p. 9922
- Dec. 14 — Philadelphia — From Siter, Price & Co.  
 Re draft. 1p. 9923
- Dec. 14 — Montreal — From Vallée, Boyer & Co.  
 Details of errors in accounts. 1p. 9924
- Dec. 15 — New York — To E. F. Pratte & Co., Fredericktown, Missouri  
 Discussion of requirements in drawing drafts on the Company. Re risk of accepting drafts. L.B.C. 15:39-40 9925
- Dec. 15 — New York — To James D. Doty, Washington  
 Encloses check for balance of account due Doty. L.B.C. 15:41 9926
- Dec. 15 — New York — To Peter L. Parsons & Co., Buffalo  
 Details of account of Holt, Palmer & Co. L.B.C. 15:42 9927

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- Dec. 15 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Will forward articles ordered promptly. Robes sell very slowly. Re aid given by Sanford in filling order. Part of French blankets have arrived. L.B.C. 15:43 9928
- Dec. 15 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Details of drafts. Re skins shipped via New Orleans. Wish account of sales for each year closed separately. lp. 9929
- Dec. 16 -- New York -- To Gabriel Franchere, Evansville  
Details concerning Franchere's delay in advising of drafts drawn. Re probable effect of protest on Company's credit. Think Spafford's ambition is dangerous. Company prefers to buy only at prices that will yield a profit. Prefers that opponents should have peltries at extravagant rates. Furey's report of operations is satisfactory. L.B.C. 15:44-46 9930
- Dec. 16 -- New York -- To John Ross, Cashier, Vincennes, Indiana  
Company will pay draft recently protested. L.B.C. 15:47-8 9931
- Dec. 16 -- New York -- To John Furey, Logansport  
Re drafts. The Company approves Furey's prudent course in trade. High rates may exhaust opponents funds. Discussion of Spafford's reckless policy in buying peltries. Details of importance of advising Company of drafts drawn. L.B.C. 15:49-50 9932
- Dec. 16 -- Logansport -- From John Furey  
Blinn is stationed in Illinois; Furey is going to Ottawa to arrange for his funds. Sub-agents need money. lp. 9933
- Dec. 17 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Annexes annual accounts of Detroit Department. Re list of these papers. Balance sheets show net gain on last year's business of \$35,150.50. (Detroit Department Papers). lp. 9934
- Dec. 18 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Has insured new warehouse; possible to insure property in storage. Regrets fur shipment not received, as it should be in London for spring sales. Report received that Crooks has failed. 2p. 9935
- Dec. 18 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Regrets delay in furnishing accounts. Re statement of drafts drawn by Hollister, Franchere and Furey. Hollister and Franchere cause trouble by not advising Company when drafts are drawn. Details of experience with Franchere. The Company is pleased with Furey's arrangements. Discussion of policy of Franchere and Hollister. Re necessity that Spafford be required to follow instructions. Concerning the late arrival of certain

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returns and prices received for beaver. Discussion of efforts to get rid of muskrats. Relations with Juneau. Re Abbott's report that Lasley and Duvernay will buy goods from the Company due to dissatisfaction with Ewings. Requantity of salt wanted at Lapointe. The Company must reduce expenses of Northern Outfit. Has renewed agreement with Stanard. Details of insurance. Will send certain papers with Stuart. L.B.C. 15:51-59 9936

Dec. 18 -- New York -- To James McKay, Ross-shire, Scotland  
Encloses bill of exchange, as requested by James McKay of Lapointe. L.B.C. 15:60 9937

Dec. 18 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Has received packing account of deer skins. Does not expect improvement in lead market. L.B.C. 15:61 9938

Dec. 18 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re bill for English goods. Regrets increase of interest rates. Has drawn draft. L.B.C. 15:64-65 9939

Dec. 18 -- Lafayette -- From John Furey  
Drew draft; re difficulty in getting funds. lp. (1841) 9940

Dec. 18 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
The Company buyers are uneasy under restrictions. Hopes his policy will cause Ewings to bring prices down. lp. 9941

Dec. 18 -- London -- From G. M. Lampson  
Is satisfied that the Company has sold beaver; suspects that Lees are real purchasers. Lees wish to do business with Lampson again but he will make no overtures to them. Is surprise that Abbott should give such high prices for poor raccoon skins. Expects to have good market for good raccoons. Discussion of prospects for sale of deer skins. Is glad musquash is selling again in New York. Discussion about general fur situation in England and New York. Center reports indication of large catch of fox, mink and marten in 1840. Is impossible to form any correct opinion of movements of Hotté. Stocks of all articles except martens are large. Encloses account of sales. Re accounts with Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. 6p. (1841) 9942

Dec. 18 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for skins. lp. (1841) 9943

Dec. 19 -- New York -- To Hercules L. Dousman, Prairie du Chien  
Is grateful for prompt attention to effects of Thomas Simpson. Results of deer skin sale in London. Re prices that should be paid for deer skins. Discussion of prices and prospects for sale of muskrats. L.B.C. 15:62-63 9944

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- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Has received account of sales which are correct. Is pleased that remainder of goods will be shipped at proper time. Will give sample blankets a fair trial. L.B.C. 15:66 9945
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. has reported that course pursued by Bank of England will force increased interest rate. The Company's buyers in opposition to Ewings are buying only at safe prices. L.B.C. 15:67 9946
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To John Ayd  
The Company will pay market price for peltries. L.B.C. 15:68 9947
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To James Henry, Boulton Gun Works  
Encloses check in payment for rifles. Has received rifles which appear to be satisfactory. L.B.C. 15:69 9948
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Is grateful for attention to claim against Ermatinger. Re terms on which robes were sold. L.B.C. 15:70 9949
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To James Keith, Lachine  
Details of the shipment of the effects of Thomas Simpson. L.B.C. 15:71 9950
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Re order for looking glasses and vermilion. L.B.C. 15:72. 9951
- Dec. 19 -- New York -- To Solomon Juneau, Milwaukee  
Brewster who has charge of Company's purchases in lake region will advise Juneau in the matter of furs and skins. Discussion of high prices paid in 1839-40, and of present prices being paid by Company's buyers. Desires Abbott to have profitable trade. Advises that muskrats should not be hunted. Re large quantity of muskrats on hand. L.B.C. 15:73-75 9952
- Dec. 19 -- Montreal -- From John R. Livingston  
Is ill. Reports that Bisson plans to go to Lapointe in the spring under agreement with Borup. lp. 9953
- Dec. 19 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Details of accounts. Re directions about changing insurance policies. Desire \$20,000 insurance on furs and skins in store. Hope white pigeon egg beads arrive before boat leaves for Yellowstone; blue beads will not do at all. lp. 9954

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- Dec. 19 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Annex memoranda of merchandise to be purchased in England and France. If French manufacturer cannot fill order of blankets in time, order will have to go to England. 1p. (French) 9955
- Dec. 19 — Liverpool — From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Have confirmed to William Chance, Sons & Co. the order for guns for the Company. 1p. (1841) 9956
- Dec. 21 — Detroit — From William Brewster  
Profits of the Department for the last two years show a handsome gain. Does not think competition of Ewings will be as hot as formerly. Will send more fish to Evansville, etc. in the spring. Encloses nos. 9812, 9825, 9854, 9859, 9873, 9898, and 9913. 1p. (1841) 9957
- Dec. 21 — New York — To Robins, Tinzley & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of Powell's drafts. L.B.C. 15:76-77 9958
- Dec. 21 — Prairie du Chien — From Joseph Rolette  
Discussion of financial relations with the Company. Indians have been paid \$53,000. Re goods needed; hopes small shipment of goods will be sent soon. (Western Outfit Letter, 1841). 2p. 9959
- Dec. 21 — St. Louis — From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Details of instructions for securing insurance in New York and Philadelphia. 1p. (1841) 9960
- Dec. 22 — New York — To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Will forward account of sales of deer skins. English blankets have arrived. French blankets and powder will be shipped via New Orleans. L.B.C. 15:78 9961
- Dec. 22 — New York — To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has received from Lampson account of sales of deer skins and beaver. L.B.C. 15:79 9962
- Dec. 22 — Evansville, Indiana — From Gabriel Franchere  
Fish trade in Wabash and Mississippi valleys. 2p. (1841) 9963
- Dec. 22 — Philadelphia — From Geisse & Korkhauss  
Details purchasing of vermilion. River is still navigable. 1p. 9964
- Dec. 22 — Perrysburg — From John Hollister  
Has not been getting funds from banks because of their demands. 1p. (1841) 9965

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- Dec. 22 -- Cuba [?] -- From E. R. Bun  
Wishes information about market for furs. 1p. 9966
- Dec. 23 -- New Orleans -- From J. A. Brand & Landry  
Enclose bill of lading for lead. 1p. 9967
- Dec. 23 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Schoolcraft has received no money to pay half-breed Menominee claims. Robes in storage belonging to Pratte, Chouteau & Co. badly damaged; asks about disposition of them. Note to R. Hyslop & Son protested because they were absent removing the Indians. Refused payment of Mitchell's draft. Encloses no. 9896. 1p. (1841) 9968
- Dec. 23 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for powder to be forwarded to St. Louis. L.B.C. 15:80 9969
- Dec. 23 -- London -- From C. M. Lampson  
Encloses invoice and bill of lading for deer skins returned to the Company. Details of transportation charges. No insurance will be obtained in England. 1p. (1841) 9970
- Dec. 24 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Encloses account sales of furs and skins from Lampson. L.B.C. 15:81 9971
- Dec. 24 -- Boulton -- From James Henry  
Acknowledges receipt of payment for rifles. 1p. 9972
- Dec. 24 -- Lynn, Massachusetts -- From George Hood (for Hood & Abbott)  
Re draft of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. sent by Hood & Abbott has not been received. Asks that Company should not pay this draft till so advised. 1p. 9973
- Dec. 24 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Re accounts. Wish samples of American made blankets. Have received report of fur sale. 1p. (1841) 9974
- Dec. 25 -- New York -- To H. Niles & Co., Albany  
Encloses statement of account. L.B.C. 15:82 9975
- Dec. 25 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Discussion of accounts. Will report on tobacco prospects to Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 15:83-84 9976

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- Dec. 25 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Will try to sell lead when landed. Is pleased that sales of deer skins and beaver were satisfactory. Re sales of beaver in London. Discussion of prospects and prices for deer skins. Expects improvement in business in 1841. Sales of beaver and muskrats depend upon hat fashions. Can sell otters only for caps. Details of market for robes. Re difficulties to obtain insurance. Will honor all drafts for Pratte, Chouteau & Co. Has forwarded powder and French blankets. Annexes letter from Liverpool about the matter of shipping tobacco. L.B.C. 15:85-87  
9977
- Dec. 26 -- New Orleans -- From J. A. Brand & Landry  
Annexes bill of lading for lead. lp.  
9978
- Dec. 26 -- Boston -- From Chandler, Howard & Co.  
Have received 650 pounds of Chinese vermilion. Will sell at \$2 per lb. lp.  
9979
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- To Francis Ronaud, Pittsburgh  
Re funds to be furnished to Ronaud, as directed by Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co. L.B.C. 15:88  
9980
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Has received packing accounts. Directions for packing accounts. Has authorized Ronaud to draw for funds. L.B.C. 15:89-90  
9981
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- To John R. Livingston, Montreal  
Regrets Livingston's illness. Will advise Vallée, Boyer & Co. to supply necessary funds. L.B.C. 15:91  
9982
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- To Vallée, Boyer & Co., Montreal  
Requests that Vallée, Boyer & Co. advance any funds needed by Livingston. L.B.C. 15:92  
9983
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
G. W. Ewing has offered to direct agents to pay same prices for peltries as the Company agents pay. Prefers that Brewster deal with Ewings. L.B.C. 15:93  
9984
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- To Geisse & Korckhauss, Philadelphia  
Has received vermilion. Re accounts. L.B.C. 15:94  
9985
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- To George Hood, Lynn  
Re missing draft of Pratte, Chouteau & Co. L.B.C. 15:95  
9986
- Dec. 26 -- New York -- To G. W. Ewing, Peru, Indiana  
Company's desire to buy skins at fair and equitable prices remains unchanged. L.B.C. 15:97  
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- Dec. 26 -- New Orleans -- From Merle & Co.  
Enclose bill of lading for furs and skins. 1p. (1841) 9988
- Dec. 26 -- Branch Bank, Vincennes, Indiana -- From John Ross  
(Cashier)  
Discussion of certain bill which has been satisfactorily  
adjusted. 1p. 9989
- Dec. 26 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Have no knowledge of Daniel T. Simpson whom Company in-  
quired about. Re drafts drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p.  
(1841) 9990
- Dec. 26 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Enclose three drafts drawn by Pratte, Chouteau & Co. 1p.  
9991
- Dec. 27 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Details of prices given Millman. Ewings not competing with  
Franchere nor Furey on the Wabash; have got more than their share  
of skins in his district. 2p. (1841) 9992
- Dec. 28 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Will employ Juneau as buyer. Will offer to supply Lasley  
and Duvernay with Indian goods. Purchase of 18 packs from Mill-  
man by John Hollister gives whole interest in sale to Department  
Requests account of indebtedness of George Johnston to the Depart-  
ment and to the Company, as John Hulburt wishes to pay debt and  
get transfer of securities. 1p. (1841) 9993
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To A. & S. Henry & Co., Leeds  
Re arrival of goods. Will compare blankets with French  
blankets. L.B.C. 15:98 9994
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To C. M. Lampson, London  
Account of sales is correct. Beavers yielded more than was  
expected by Company. Discussion of sales of inferior skins made  
by Lampson. Regrets that Leipsic traders have no market for  
minks. L.B.C. 15:99-100 9995
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To George Simpson  
Has forwarded dispatches to Ballenden. Re delay in forward-  
ing effects of Thomas Simpson. Is pleased that matters in conne-  
tion with Grand Portage trade are understood. L.B.C. 15:101-102  
9996
- Dec. 28 -- New York -- To John Hollister, Perrysburg, Ohio  
Mentions receipt of drafts without notice of their being  
drawn. Past experiences necessitate putting limits on prices to



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be paid by agents for skins. Brewster's directions should be followed closely. Re letter received from G. W. Ewing. L.B.C. 15:103-104 9997

Dec. 28 -- New York -- To Merle & Co., New Orleans  
Encloses bill of lading for goods to be forwarded to St. Louis. Has received skins slightly damaged. L.B.C. 15:105 9998

Dec. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From James Fassitt & Co.  
Asks for information about lead market. lp. 9999

Dec. 28 -- Philadelphia -- From Geisse & Korckhaus  
Details of beads in stock and ordered. lp. 10,000

Dec. 28 -- Portland -- From Byron Greenough  
Encloses draft to be credited on account. Freight charges on robes are too high. Considers Sioux robes better than upper Missouri brand. 2p. 10,001

Dec. 28 -- Lancaster, Pennsylvania -- From Henry E. Leman  
Offers lot of Indian rifles at reduced rate, as Indian Department has been purchasing only Northwest guns. lp. 10,002

Dec. 28 -- Albany -- From H. Niles & Co.  
Have drawn draft according to Crooks's statement. lp. 10,003

Dec. 29 -- Detroit -- William Brewster to Solomon Juneau  
Will lose money on Spafford's 1840 purchases, but will hire him. Is to get furs at low prices and pay in goods when possible. Instructions about funds. Enclosed in no. 10,018. 2p. (1841) 10,004

Dec. 29 -- New York -- To E. R. Burr, Cuba, New York  
The Company will not pay high prices for skins. Does not expect spring sales to be favorable. L.B.C. 15:106 10,005

Dec. 29 -- New York -- To Chandler, Howard & Co., Boston  
The Company has already purchased vermilion. L.B.C. 15:107 10,006

Dec. 29 -- New York -- To William Brewster, Detroit  
Has received from London account sales of beaver and deer skins. Considers that beaver brought full value, but collections of deer gave wretched result. Fears Spafford's reckless judgment. Hollister's buyers show anxiety to purchase at unrestricted rates. Encloses letter from G. W. Ewing. Has received duplicate of Mitchell's account. Lampsen reports favorable prospects for spring sales. L.B.C. 15:109-111 10,007

Dec. 29 -- Perrysburg -- From John Hollister  
Drafts drawn. lp. (1841) 10,008

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- Dec. 29 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Have received drafts. lp. 10,009
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Ezra S. Hamilton, Hartford  
Re account for robes. L.B.C. 15:112 10,010
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To N. P. Wells, Johnstown, New York  
Encloses notes to be collected. L.B.C. 15:113 10,011
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To Van Winkle & White, Louisville  
Encloses note to be collected. L.B.C. 15:114 10,012
- Dec. 30 -- New York -- To James Fassitt & Co., Philadelphia  
Has not received any lead from Pratte's. Re prices for lead.  
L.B.C. 15:115 10,013
- Dec. 30 -- Evansville -- Gabriel Franchere to William Brewster  
Crooks has not instructed him as to prices. Recent competition from Ewings' agents and from peddlers has prevented his buying. Discussion of skins, and prices paid by competitors. Fish have not sold well. Enclosed in no. 10,086. lp. 10,014
- Dec. 30 -- St. Louis -- From Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co.  
Are succeeding in reducing prices of common deer skins. Have much competition from buyers from Ohio and Illinois. Fear too much will be paid generally for skins. lp. (1841) 10,015
- Dec. 30 -- Pittsburgh -- From Francis Ronaud  
Has received authorization to draw on Siter, Price & Co. Re suggestion of different plan of payment. lp. 10,016
- Dec. 30 -- Philadelphia -- From Siter, Price & Co.  
Details changes in insurance on Chouteau's property. lp. 10,017
- Dec. 31 -- Detroit -- From William Brewster  
Shipment of four packs and one cask to the Company via Pittsburgh by Oliver Newberry. Detailed account of provisions furnished John Lawe in fall of 1839 not listed in Department account. Encloses no. 10,004. lp. (1841) 10,018
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Henry E. Leman, Lancaster  
The Company is not in need of rifles. L.B.C. 15:116 10,019
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Wildes, Pickersgill & Co., Liverpool  
Re drafts drawn. L.B.C. 15:117 10,020
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To James McKay, Ross-shire, Scotland  
Encloses second of bill of exchange. L.B.C. 15:118 10,021

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- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To G. M. Lampson, London  
Encloses bill of lading for furs and skins shipped. Re good quality of deer skins. Details of other peltries. Annexes memoranda of invoice. L.B.C. 15:119-121 10,022
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Henry & Co., Leeds  
Will examine goods when landed. Re order for additional goods. L.B.C. 15:122-123 10,023
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To William Mitchell, Green Bay  
Discussion of settlement of Mitchell's account with the Company. Re discrepancy in number of robes. L.B.C. 15:124-125 10,024
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Pierre Chouteau, Jr. & Co., St. Louis  
Will attend to order for silver works. Loubat could not fill order for blankets. Entire order for blankets has been sent to England. Has made satisfactory insurance arrangements. Will forward blankets and wine. Re goods not yet received. Has shipped best deer skins to England. Has not been able to sell lead. Fear beads will arrive late. L.B.C. 15:126-128 10,025
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia  
Details of insurance on Chouteau's property. L.B.C. 15:129 10,026
- Dec. 31 -- New York -- To Pratte, Chouteau & Co.  
Encloses account of sales. Considers Halsey and Center's account safe. Discussion of account. L.B.C. 15:130,132-133 10,027
- Dec. 31 -- Hartford -- Ezra S. Hamilton to the Company  
Order for buffalo robes. 1p. 10,028
- Dec. 31 -- Liverpool -- From Wildes, Pickersgill & Co.  
Enclose abstract [Not enclosed.] of account current for last six months, showing balance in favor of Wildes, Pickersgill & Co. 1p. (1841) 10,029









